grounds. *Union Electric Co.* v. *U.S. EPA*, 427 U.S. 246, 255–66 (1976); 42 U.S.C. 7410(a)(2).

Under Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (''Unfunded Mandates Act''), signed into law on March 22, 1995, EPA must prepare a budgetary impact statement to accompany any proposed or final rule that includes a Federal mandate that may result in estimated costs to State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate; or to the private sector, of $100 million or more. Under section 205, EPA the most cost-effective and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule and is consistent with statutory requirements. Section 203 requires EPA to establish a plan for informing and advising any small governments that may be significantly or uniquely impacted by the rule.

EPA has determined that this proposed approval action does not include a Federal mandate that may result in estimated costs of $100 million or more to either State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. This proposed Federal action proposes approval of pre-existing requirements under State or local law, or retains currently-existing Federal requirements. This proposed action imposes no new Federal requirements. Accordingly, no additional costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

This action has been classified as a Table 3 action for signature by the Regional Administrator under the procedures published in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 1989 (54 FR 2214–2225), as revised by a July 10, 1995 memorandum from Mary R. Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. The OMB has exempted this regulatory action from E.O. 12866 review.

The Administrator's decision to approve or disapprove the SIP revision pertaining to Virginia's confidentiality of information and minor new source permit provisions will be based on whether it meets the requirements of section 110(a)(2)(A)–(K) of the Clean Air Act, as amended, and EPA regulations in 40 CFR Part 51.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

Dated: August 28, 1995.

W. Michael McCabe,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[LA–28–1–7053b; FRL–5292–7]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Louisiana; Approval of the Maintenance Plan for St. James Parish; Redesignation of St. James Parish to Attainment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: On December 15, 1994, the State of Louisiana submitted a revised maintenance plan and request to redesignate the St. James Parish ozone nonattainment area to attainment. This maintenance plan and redesignation request was initially submitted to the EPA on May 25, 1993. Although the EPA deemed this initial submittal complete on September 10, 1993, certain approvability issues existed. The State of Louisiana addressed these approvability issues and has again submitted this request. Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), nonattainment areas may be redesignated to attainment if sufficient data are available to warrant the redesignation and the area meets the other CAA redesignation requirements. In this action, EPA is approving Louisiana's redesignation request because it meets the maintenance plan and redesignation requirements set forth in the CAA, and EPA is approving the 1990 base year emissions inventory. The approved maintenance plan will become a federally enforceable part of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Louisiana.

In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving this redesignation request as a direct final rulemaking without prior proposal because the EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing, postmarked by October 12, 1995. If no adverse comments are received, then the direct final rule will be effective on November 13, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD–L), U.S. EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733. Copies of the State's petition and other information relevant to this action are available for inspection during normal hours at the following locations:

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD–L), 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733.

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality, 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Anyone wishing to review this petition at the Regional EPA office is asked to contact the person below to schedule an appointment 24 hours in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mick Cote, Air Planning Section (6PD–L), EPA Region 6, telephone (214) 665–7219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final Rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Area designations, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental regulations, National Parks, Reporting and recordkeeping, Ozone, Volatile organic compounds, Wilderness areas.

Dated: August 24, 1995.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator (6RA).

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40 CFR Part 81

[FRL–5279–7]

Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Wyoming; Redesignation of Particulate Matter Attainment Areas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: In this document, the EPA is proposing to approve the State of Wyoming's December 19, 1994 request to redesignate the Powder River Basin particulate matter attainment area to exclude the Kennecott/Puron Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Baseline area, pursuant to section 107 of the Clean Air Act. EPA is also proposing to designate the Kennecott/Puron PSD Baseline area as a separate particulate matter attainment area. In the final rules section elsewhere in this **Federal Register**, the EPA is acting on the State's request in a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the action is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If the EPA receives adverse comments, then the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by October 12, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Vicki Stamper, 8ART-AP, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: Air Programs Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202–2466; and Air Quality Division, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, 122 West 25th Street, Hershler Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicki Stamper, 8ART–AP, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202–2466, (303) 293–1765.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule of the same title which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 10, 1995.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 136

[FRL–5294–6]

A Public Meeting and Availability of Documents on Streamlining Approval of Analytical Methods at 40 CFR Part 136 and Flexibility in Existing Test Methods

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting and availability of documents.

SUMMARY: The Office of Science and Technology within EPA's Office of Water is conducting a public meeting on approaches to streamlining the proposal and promulgation of analytical methods at 40 CFR Part 136 under Section 304(h) of the Clean Water Act and increasing flexibility in existing 40 CFR Part 136 test methods. In this public meeting, EPA intends to discuss (1) procedures for streamlining the promulgation of new analytical methods under 40 CFR Part 136; (2) measures to provide increased flexibility for use of emerging technologies in analytical methods already promulgated at 40 CFR Part 136; (3) establishment of standardized quality control (QC) for analytical methods, including standardized procedures for development of QC acceptance criteria from single and interlaboratory data; (4) establishment of standardized data elements for reporting analytical results; (5) withdrawal of outdated methods; and (6) establishment of criteria by which the wastewater methods promulgated at 40 CFR Part 136 can be harmonized with other EPA program methods and with industry and association methods. The purpose of this notice is to provide information regarding the public meeting agenda, to make available documents concerning the Agency's streamlining effort, and to discuss the information and documents provided with this notice. This notice is not an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking, but is intended only to apprise persons of discussion topics at upcoming public meetings. Nothing in this document is intended to have regulatory effect or to initiate any rulemaking process. Where the document discusses existing regulatory interpretations, such interpretations are guidance only and not themselves binding on EPA, State regulatory agencies, or the public to the extent they are inconsistent with the underlying regulations.

DATES: The public meeting on streamlining will be held Thursday, September 28, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting on streamlining will be held at the Federal Building in Seattle, Washington. See Supplementary Information for further details.

The documents made available with this notice can be obtained from Marion Thompson, Mail Code 4303, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460. Phone: (202) 260–7117. Facsimile: (202) 260–7185.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning this notice can be directed to Marion Thompson by phone at (202) 260–7117 or by facsimile at (202) 260–7185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Arrangements for the public meeting are being coordinated by DynCorp EENSP. For information on registration, contact Cindy Simbanin, 300 N. Lee Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: (703) 519–1386. Facsimile: (703) 684–0610. Space is limited and reservations are being taken on a first come, first served basis. No fees will be charged to attend. Hotel reservations may be made by contacting the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Seattle at (800) 521–2762. Guest rates are $83 single and $106 double occupancy, including tax. Reservations must be made by 9/8/95, and you must specify that you are attending the EPA Workshop to qualify for the group rate. Accommodations are limited, so please make your reservations early.

I. Background

Section 304(h) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires the EPA Administrator to promulgate guidelines establishing test procedures for data gathering and monitoring under the Act. These test procedures (analytical methods) are promulgated at 40 CFR Part 136. EPA uses these analytical methods to support development of effluent guidelines promulgated at 40 CFR Parts 400–499. These procedures we also used to establish compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System