

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Parts 52 and 81**

[OH 121-1b; FRL-6239-4]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementations; Ohio Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving the SIP revision request submitted by the State of Ohio on August 20, 1998, which replaces the federally promulgated limits by state promulgated limits for the relevant portion of Lake County. The revision affects rule OAC 3745-18-49(G) (containing emission limits applicable to the First Energy, EastLake plant) and rule OAC 3745-18-49 (H) (containing the emission limitations applicable to the Ohio Rubber Company plant in Lake County). In addition, EPA also approves the sulfur dioxide (SO₂) maintenance plan for Lake and Jefferson Counties. This plan ensures that the reductions in minor source emissions, in combination with the limits on major

source emissions, will provide for continued attainment in Lake and Jefferson Counties. Finally, USEPA is approving two redesignation requests from the State of Ohio. This action, which was requested on October 26, 1995, and also on August 20, 1998, redesignates Lake and Jefferson Counties to attainment of National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for SO₂.

In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's request as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for approving the State's request is set forth in the direct final rule. The direct final rule will become effective without further notice unless EPA receives relevant adverse written comment. Should EPA receive such comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal informing the public that the direct final rule will not take effect and such public comment received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. If no adverse written comments are received, the direct final rule will take effect on the date stated in that document, and no further action will be taken. USEPA

does not plan to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 16, 1999.**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be mailed to J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Region 5 at the address listed below.

Copies of the materials submitted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency may be examined during normal business hours at the following location: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phuong Nguyen at (312) 886-6701.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 26, 1999.

Jo Lynn Traub,*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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