

Although exempt from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c)) regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites comment on the following proposed revision of the Domestic Mail Manual, which is incorporated by reference in the Federal Register. See 39 CFR 111.1

PART 425—WHAT MAY BE MAILED AT THE SECOND-CLASS RATES

In part 425, amend section 425.4 to read as follows: 425.4 Supplements. Publishers may include supplements in the regular issue of a publication entered as second-class mail subject to the following conditions:

a. The supplements must be germane to the issue, having been omitted in the interest of space, time or convenience.

b. The supplement must be folded and mailed with the regular issue.

An amendment to 39 CFR 111.3 will be published if this proposal is adopted.

(39 U.S.C. 401(2), 404(a)(2))

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[A5 FRL 1643-3]

Michigan State Implementation Plan; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rulemaking, notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. EPA is giving notice that the comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking on the Michigan State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to control particulate emissions from iron and steel process sources in the State of Michigan published September 9, 1980, (45 FR 59329) has been extended from October 9, 1980 to November 30, 1980.

DATE: Comments are now due on or before November 30, 1980.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Docket Clerk, Air Enforcement Branch, Enforcement Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 230 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 996-4254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice extends the period for submitting comments on the notice published

September 9, 1980 (45 FR 59329) proposing rulemaking on revisions to Michigan's SIP. These revisions pertain to the control of particulate emissions from iron and steel process sources in the State of Michigan.

Ford Motor Company on October 1, 1980, and Great Lakes Steel on October 3, 1980, requested thirty (30) day extensions of time for filing their comments regarding U.S. EPA's proposed action on the revisions. In addition, the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, on October 7, 1980, requested a sixty (60) day extension of time for filing their comments.

U.S. EPA has decided that the extension of the public comment period is appropriate and the comment period is hereby extended to November 30, 1980.

Dated: October 9, 1980.

John McGuire,
Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 81

[A4 1643-2]

Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; North Carolina: Proposed Redesignation of Spruce Pine Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: It is proposed to change the particulate attainment status designation of the Spruce Pine area to attainment from unclassifiable for the primary standards and nonattainment for the secondary standard. This change is based on eight consecutive quarters of air quality measurements showing no violation of any national standard. The public is invited to submit written comments on this proposal.

DATE: To be considered, comments must be received on or before November 26, 1980.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the materials submitted by North Carolina in support of the redesignation may be examined during normal business hours at the following locations:

Public Information Reference Unit,
Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Library, EPA, Region IV, 345 Courtland Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30365.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter Bishop of the EPA Region IV, Air Programs Branch, 404/881-3043 (FTS 257-3043).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 3, 1978 (43 FR 8962 at 9019), the Administrator designated portions of Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties, North Carolina, in and around Spruce Pine as nonattainment for particulate matter. On August 20, 1979 (44 FR 48679), the Administrator changed the designation for the primary particulate standards from nonattainment to unclassifiable, leaving the designation for the secondary standard as nonattainment. On September 3, 1980, the state submitted information showing that no ambient particulate standard had been violated in the area during the period April 1979 through March 1980, and requested that the designation for Spruce Pine be revised to attainment. EPA proposes to grant this request.

As mentioned in the notice of August 20, 1979, the improvement in air quality in Spruce Pine since 1976 and 1977 is attributable to the completion of road construction project in the vicinity (within 0.3 miles) of the City Hall monitoring site. In addition, local initiatives taken since the nonattainment designation have led to the paving of a number of unpaved streets and other open areas which emit fugitive dust, as well as to a continuing exchange among operators of local mines and mineral processing plants of information on a control techniques for fugitive dust and fugitive emissions. The annual geometric mean particulate concentration measured at the City Hall site has dropped from 102 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in calendar year 1977 to 63 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for 1979. A second monitor operated nearby since March 1979 has yielded consistently lower measurements (geometric mean of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for the period April 1979-March 1980).

The public is invited to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments on the proposed redesignation. After considering all pertinent comments received, the Administrator will take final action on North Carolina's request.

(Sec. 107 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7407))

Dated: October 17, 1980.

John A. Little,
Acting Regional Administrator.

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