

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 the proposed action does not include a Federal mandate that may result in estimated annual costs of \$100 million or more to either State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. Because EPA is not imposing new Federal requirements, neither State, local, or tribal governments, nor the private sector should incur costs from this action.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

List of Subjects

40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Particulate matter.

40 CFR Part 81

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, National parks, Wilderness areas, Air quality control regions.

Dated: October 19, 1998.

Chuck Clarke,

Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 721

[OPPTS-50628D; FRL-6041-2]

RIN 2070-AB27

Proposed Significant New Use Rule; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is extending the comment period for the proposed significant new use rule (SNUR) for twelve chemical substances. As initially published in the **Federal Register** of September 9, 1998 (63 FR 48157) (FRL-6020-8) the comments were to be received on or before October 9, 1998. One commenter requested additional time to research and submit more detailed comments concerning two of the proposed SNURs. EPA is therefore extending the comment period 30 days in order to give all interested persons the opportunity to comment fully.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to EPA by November 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Each comment must bear the appropriate docket control number OPPTS-50628C. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit I. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this proposed rule. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-531, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone: (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document are available from the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register**-Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr/>).

This extension of the comment period will allow interested parties who intend to comment on the proposed rule additional time to consider their response.

I. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this proposed rule, as well as the public version, has been established for this proposed rule under docket control number OPPTS-

50628C (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: oppt.ncic@epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPPTS-50628C. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 721

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: October 19, 1998.

Ward Penberthy,

Acting Director, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket Number NHTSA-98-4573]

School Bus Research Plan

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: On August 7, 1998, NHTSA sent to Congress a report titled, "School Bus Safety: Safe Passage for America's Children." The report outlined NHTSA's current and future actions on school bus safety. A comprehensive research plan for the next generation of occupant protection in school buses was announced. This notice seeks comments