

Ocean Energy Management, Office of Policy, Regulation and Analysis, Attention: Peter Meffert, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Meffert, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Office of Policy, Regulation and Analysis, at peter.meffert@boem.gov or mail to 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166; or call (703) 787-1610.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BOEM published a proposed rule on Air Quality Control, Reporting, and Compliance on April 5, 2016. The proposed rule is intended to revise and replace BOEM's air quality regulations with a new set of regulations that reflect a number of policy changes with respect to the existing air quality regulatory program. The key policy changes in the proposed rule relate to: (1) Fulfilling BOEM's statutory responsibility under section 5(a)(8) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act by addressing all relevant criteria and major precursor air pollutants and by cross-referencing the ambient air quality standards and benchmarks (AAQSB) for those pollutants to those of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; (2) formalizing the concept and application of the term "attributed emissions"; (3) changing the methods for determining the locations from which air emissions will be measured and evaluated; (4) modifying the process by which emission exemption threshold (EETs) are established and updated; (5) changing the circumstances when emission reduction measures (ERM), including Best Available Control Technology (BACT), are required, and establishing new criteria for the application of ERM; (6) revising the boundary at which BOEM determines air quality compliance to the State seaward boundary (SSB), rather than the coastline; (7) formalizing requirements for the consolidation of emissions from multiple facilities; (8) consistent with

BOEM's existing regulatory authority, articulating a schedule for ensuring that plans, including previously approved plans, will be compliant with these updated regulations; (9) adding an air quality component to the submission of right-of-use and easement, right-of-way, and lease term pipeline applications; (10) expanding use of the offsets as an alternative in circumstances where BACT was previously required; and (11) adding a new requirement for all plans to be reviewed at least every 10 years, to ensure ongoing compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), as amended from time to time.

After publication of the proposed rule, BOEM received public comments requesting an extension.

On March 17, 2016, BOEM issued a press release to notify the public that the proposed rule would be issued and provided an internet link to an advance copy of the proposed rule. On April 5, 2016, BOEM issued the proposed rule with a requirement to submit comments on the substance of this rulemaking by June 6, 2016. BOEM is extending the comment period to June 20, 2016. With more than 90 days of public inspection, BOEM has concluded that interested parties will have sufficient opportunity to analyze the proposed rule and provide comment. Accordingly, written comments on the substance of this rulemaking must be submitted by the extended due date of June 20, 2016.

The proposed rule specified a separate, shorter period to submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget on the information collection (IC) burden in this rulemaking. That comment period ended on May 5, 2016, and will not be extended.

Dated: May 17, 2016.

Amanda C. Leiter,
Acting Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R01-OAR-2012-0289; FRL-9946-68-Region 1]

Air Plan Approval; New Hampshire; Ozone Maintenance Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of New Hampshire that contains an ozone maintenance plan for New Hampshire's former 1-hour ozone nonattainment areas. The Clean Air Act requires that areas that are designated attainment for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard, and also had been previously designated either nonattainment or maintenance for the 1-hour ozone standard, develop a plan showing how the state will maintain the ozone standard for the area. The intended effect of this action is to propose approval of New Hampshire's maintenance plan. This action is being taken in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 22, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R01-OAR-2012-0289 at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or via email to arnold.anne@epa.gov. For comments submitted at [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). For either manner of submission, the EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Arnold, Air Quality Planning Unit, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Suite 100, Mail Code OEP05-02, Boston, MA 02109-3912, telephone number (617) 918-1047, fax number (617) 918-0047, email arnold.anne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal**

Register, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal 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 this action rule, no further activity is contemplated. If 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. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment. For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 4, 2016.

H. Curtis Spalding,

Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 62

[Docket ID: FEMA-2016-0012]

RIN 1660-AA86

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP): Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to remove the copy of the Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement and the summary of the Financial Control Plan from the appendices of its National Flood Insurance Program regulations, as it is no longer necessary or appropriate to retain a contract, agreement, or any other arrangement between FEMA and private insurance companies in the Code of Federal Regulations.

DATES: Comments are due on or before July 22, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket ID: FEMA-2016-0012, by one of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 8NE, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472-3100.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these methods. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For instructions on submitting comments, see the Public Participation portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Claudia Murphy, Director, Policyholder Services Division, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 400 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related materials. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

If you submit a comment, identify the agency name and the docket ID for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, or delivery to the address under the **ADDRESSES** section. Please submit your comments and material by only one means.

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available via a link on the homepage of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Viewing comments and documents: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Background documents and submitted comments may also be inspected at FEMA, Office

of Chief Counsel, Room 8NE, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472-3100.

II. Background

The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (NFIA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*), authorizes the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish and carry out a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to enable interested persons to purchase insurance against loss resulting from physical damage to or loss of real or personal property arising from flood in the United States. *See* 42 U.S.C. 4011(a). The NFIA states the NFIP is intended to be "a program of flood insurance with large-scale participation of the Federal Government and carried out to the maximum extent practicable by the private insurance industry." *See* 42 U.S.C. 4001(b). Under the NFIA, FEMA has the authority to carry out the NFIP through the facilities of the Federal government, utilizing, for the purposes of providing flood insurance coverage, insurance companies and other insurers, insurance agents and brokers, and insurance adjustment organizations, as fiscal agents of the United States. *See* 42 U.S.C. 4071.

Pursuant to this authority, FEMA works closely with the insurance industry to facilitate the sale and servicing of flood insurance policies. An NFIP flood insurance policy, also known as the Standard Flood Insurance Policy (SFIP), can be purchased: (1) Directly from the Federal government through a direct servicing agent, or (2) from a participating Write Your Own (WYO) insurance company through the WYO Program. The SFIPs set out the terms and conditions of insurance. *See* 44 CFR part 61, Appendix A. FEMA establishes terms, rate structures, and premium costs of SFIPs. The terms, coverage limits, and flood insurance premiums are the same whether purchased from the NFIP Direct or the WYO Program.

FEMA established the WYO Program in 1983 to increase the NFIP policy count and geographic distribution of policies by taking advantage of the private insurance industry's marketing channels and existing policy base to sell flood insurance. *See* 48 FR 46789 (Oct. 14, 1983) (establishing the WYO Program). Seventy-nine private property or casualty insurance companies participate in this program today.¹

¹ Federal Emergency Management Agency, Write Your Own Flood Insurance Company List, http://www.fema.gov/wyo_company (last accessed April 8, 2016).