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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Part 1926

[Docket No. S-206C]

RIN 1218-AB62

Safety Standards for Fall Protection in the Construction Industry; Extension of Written Comment Period

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; extension of written comment period.

SUMMARY: On July 14, 1999, OSHA published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) titled, "Safety Standards for Fall Protection in the Construction Industry." The period for submitting written comments is being extended to allow information and data to be collected by those industries affected by the rule.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Two copies of comments must be submitted to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket S206C, Room N2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, 202-693-2350. Comments consisting of 10 pages or less may be faxed to the Docket Office at the following FAX number: 202-693-1648. However, two hard copies must be mailed to us within two days. Electronic comments can be submitted on the Internet at <http://www.osha-slc.gov/e-comments/e-comments-fallprotection.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bonnie Friedman, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Office of Public Affairs, Room N3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, Telephone: (202) 693-1999. Anyone with questions regarding this document

or the July 14 ANPR, should contact Ms. Jule Jones at (202) 693-2345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 14, 1999, at 64 FR 38078, OSHA published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) titled "Safety Standards for Fall Protection in the Construction Industry." In that document, OSHA requested comments and information on fall protection for workers engaged in certain construction activities currently covered by OSHA's standards. The comment period for submitting written responses to OSHA's questions was to expire on October 22, 1999. However, the following associations have requested a ninety-day extension for submitting written comments and information: National Association of Home Builders, Associated General Contractors of America, Associated Builders and Contractors, National Roofing Contractors Association, Mechanical Contractors Association of America, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association and the National Electrical Contractors Association. OSHA believes that this request is reasonable and that an extension will allow the regulated community time to gather information and data to assist the Agency.

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Signed at Washington, D.C. this 15 day of September, 1999.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA201-169b; FRL-6436-3]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District; Kern County Air Pollution Control District; and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District

ACTION: Proposed rule.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SUMMARY: EPA is approving revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) which concern the control of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions from boilers, steam generators and process heaters and natural gas-fired residential water heaters.

The intended effect of this action is to regulate emissions of nitrogen oxides in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the state's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these as noncontroversial revisions and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received, 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 these proposed rules. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by October 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Andy Steckel, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rule revisions and EPA's evaluation report of each rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Rulemaking Office, AIR-4, Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket (6102), 401 "M" Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812