CFR §§ 404.1505 and 404.1520 (for title II), 416.905 and 416.920 (forSSI adults), and 416.906 and 416.924 (for children claiming SSI benefits basedondisability).

The listings are divided into Part Aand Part B. Part A contains medical criteria that we use to evaluate claims filed by individuals age 18 and over. The Part A listings can also apply tochildren if the disease processes have a similar effect on adults andyounger persons. Part B contains medicalcriteria that apply only to children. In bothparts, the impairments are grouped bymajor body systems; e.g.,musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, andmental. More complete explanations ofthe listings and their role in thedisability evaluation process are set outin 20 CFR §§ 404.1525 and 404.1526(for title II) and 20 CFR §§ 416.925,416.926, and 416.926a (for SSI).

Section 100.00 of the listings is in PartBand contains the medical criteria we use to evaluate linear growthimpairments in children. Section 100.00consists of a preface that explains keyconcepts used in the section, and twogrowth impairment listings: 100.02 and100.03. Listings 100.02 and 100.03.involve only linear growth impairments; i.e., impairments that affect a child’slength or height. We also refer to thegrowth impairment listings in other PartB body systems listings for cases in whichcertain specified disease processes causeimpaired linear growth. Forexample, in the cardiovascular bodysystem, listing 104.06G provides criteriaforevaluating congenital heart diseasethat is accompanied by growth failure“as described in 100.00.” When we revise the current growth impairmentlistings, we may also have to revise thebody system listings that refer to thegrowth impairment listings.

Other listings do not refer to the lineargrowth impairment listings in section100.00, but include weight-relatedgrowth criteria. For example, listing103.02E.6 contains criteria forevaluating bronchopulmonary dysplasiathat is accompanied by involuntaryweight loss or failure to gain weight atan appropriate rate for the child’s age.

Several other listings, including listings104.02D, 105.08, and 114.08I, alsoinclude weight-related growth criteria. Ifwe include weight-related criteria in thereduced growth impairment listings, westill must include those body system listings that refer to thegrowth impairment listings.

We first published the Part Bchildhood listings, including the growthimpairment listings, in the FederalRegister on March 16, 1977 (42 FR14705). We made minor changes to thegrowth impairment listings onDecember 6, 1985 (50 FR 50068). Since1985, we have extended the expirationdate for the growth impairment listingswithout making further revisions.

Currently, the growth impairmentlistings will no longer be effective onJuly 2, 2001, unless we extend, revise orpromulgate them again by publication ofa final rule in the Federal Register(64 FR 29786). We plan to revise the currentgrowth impairment listings before theyexpire on July 2, 2001.

We will make revisions to ensure thatthe criteria in the listings reflect anyadvances in medical knowledge regardingchildren with linear growthimpairments, and to ensure that thecriteriain the listings reflect a level ofseverity that results in “marked andsevere functional limitations.”

Request for Comments
Information about growthimpairments in children, especially thefunctional consequences of suchimpairments, is not readily available.Therefore, we are using this method ofrequesting comments before formallyproposing any revisions to the listings.We want to give interested members ofthe public an early opportunitytoprovide us with information aboutgrowth impairments in children as we begintherulemaking process. We are askingexperts on growth impairments in children andother interested members of the publicfor ideas about how we should revisethe existing growth impairment listings,including the material in the preface. Weare particularly interested in determiningif any scientific research shows a relationshipbetween growth impairments and loss offunctioning, and whether and how impairedlinear growth affects a child’s functioning.In addition, we are interested incomments on whether the criteria forevaluating weight-related impairedgrowth or failure to thrive in childrenshould be included in revised growthimpairment listings, or included in otherbody system listings as they are now. We are interested in any suggestions about revising thoseportions of the other body systemlistings that directly reference the lineargrowth impairment listings, or thatmention a child’s growth (including weight)without specifying linear growth or thegrowth impairment listings.

We will consider your commentsalong with other information, such asmedical research, and our programexperience. Based on all of thatinformation, we will decide how torevise the growth impairment listings.We will not respond to your commentsdirectly. However, when we proposerevisionsto the growth impairmentlistings, we will publish a Notice ofProposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in theFederal Register and include a formalrequest for comments. In that case, we willconsider and respond to significantcomments that we receive in response tothe NPRM when we issue any finalrules.

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The electronic file of this document isavailable on the Internet at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140. It is also available on theInternet site for SSA (i.e., SSA Online)at http://www.ssa.gov/.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic AssistancePrograms Nos. 96.001, Social Security-Disability Insurance; and 96.006,Supplemental Security Income)

List of Subjects
20 CFR Part 404
Administrative practice andprocedure. Blind, Old-age, Survivors andDisability benefits, Old-age,Survivors and Disability Insurance,Reporting and recordkeepingrequirements, Social Security.

20 CFR Part 416

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and HealthAdministration

29 CFR Part 1910
[Docket No. S–777]
RIN 1218–AB36

Ergonomics Program

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and HealthAdministration (OSHA), Department ofLabor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; change oflocation of informal public hearing;change of date for notices of intentionto appear.

SUMMARY: OSHA is changing thelocation of the informal public hearing
on the economic impact of the Agency’s proposed Ergonomics Program Standard on State and local governments, the United States Postal Service (USPS), and the railroads. OSHA is also extending the date for Notices of Intention to Appear at the informal public hearing. The supplemental analysis of the impacts of the proposed rule on these three groups is in the public docket of this rulemaking, Docket No. S–777, Exhibit 28–15. The hearing will be held on the date planned, July 7, 2000, but the location of the hearing has been changed.

The broader context for OSHA’s actions can be found in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, published in the Federal Register of November 23, 1999 (64 FR 65768). The procedures followed at the July 7 continuation of the public hearing will be the same as those used in the previous nine weeks of public hearings on the proposed ergonomics standard (see OSHA’s home page at www.osha.gov or 65 FR 11948; March 7, 2000).

DATES: Notice of Intention To Appear at the Informal Public Hearing: The deadline for the submission of notices of intention to appear at the informal public hearing has been extended; notices must be postmarked no later than June 21, 2000, and public comments on the issues raised by the economic analysis of the standard’s impacts on the three groups must be postmarked no later than June 22, 2000. If you submit a notice of intention to appear at the informal public hearing, you must transmit those comments no later than August 10, 2000. The publication of this document and the related public hearing do not affect the 90-day period established earlier for post-hearing submissions related to the proposed Ergonomics Program Standard (65 FR 11948, March 7, 2000). That period also ends on August 10, 2000.

Facsimile: If your written comments are 10 pages or less, you may fax them to the Docket Office. The OSHA Docket Office fax number is (202) 693–1648.
Electronic: You may also submit comments electronically through OSHA’s Homepage at www.osha.gov. Please note that you may not attach materials such as studies or journal articles to your electronic comments. If you wish to include such materials, you must submit them separately in duplicate to the OSHA Docket Office at the address listed above. When submitting such materials to the OSHA Docket Office, you must clearly identify your electronic comments by name, date, and subject, so that we can attach them to your electronic comments.


Electronic: You may also submit your notice of intention to appear electronically through OSHA’s Homepage at www.osha.gov.

Hearing Testimony and Documentary Evidence: You must be willing to request more than 10 minutes for your oral presentation at the hearing, you must submit the full testimony, postmarked no later than June 22, 2000. If you submit comments by facsimile or electronically through OSHA’s Internet site, you must transmit those comments no later than August 10, 2000. If you submit comments by facsimile or electronically through OSHA’s Internet site, you must transmit those comments no later than August 10, 2000. The publication of this document and the related public hearing do not affect the 90-day period established earlier for post-hearing submissions related to the proposed Ergonomics Program Standard (65 FR 11948, March 7, 2000). That period also ends on August 10, 2000.

In the United States, you may fax your notice of intention to appear to Ms. Chatmon at (202) 693–1634.
Electronic: You may also submit your hearing testimony and documentary evidence on disk (3½ inch) in WP 5.1, 6.0, 6.1, 8.0 or ASCII, provided you also send the original hardcopy at the same time.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[UT–001–0029b; FRL–6712–1]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan for Utah: Transportation Control Measures

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Utah State Implementation Plan (SIP) that incorporate a new transportation control measure (TCM) in Utah County. Approval of this TCM as part of the Utah SIP would mean that this measure will receive priority for funding, and that it may proceed in the event of a transportation conformity lapse. We are proposing to approve this SIP revision under sections 110(k) and 176 of the Clean Air Act. Additional information is available at the address indicated below.

In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the State’s SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision 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 rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives