DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

20 CFR Part 655

Employment Standards Administration

Wage and Hour Division

29 CFR Parts 501, 780, and 788

RIN 1205–AB55

Temporary Agricultural Employment of H–2A Aliens in the United States; Modernizing the Labor Certification Process and Enforcement; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCIES: Employment and Training Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration and the Employment Standards Administration recently issued a proposed rule to modernize the application process for and enforcement of temporary alien agricultural (H–2A) labor certifications. 73 FR 8538 (Feb. 13, 2008). The proposed rule provided a comment period through March 31, 2008. The agencies have received several requests to extend the comment period and have decided to extend the comment period through April 14, 2008.

DATES: The comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking published February 13, 2008 (73 FR 8538) is extended through April 14, 2008. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed rule on or before April 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Regulatory Information Number (RIN) 1205–AB55, by any one of the following methods:


• Mail: Please submit all written comments (including disk and CD–ROM submissions) to Thomas Dowd, Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–5641, Washington, DC 20210.

• Hand Delivery/Courier: Please submit all comments to Thomas Dowd, Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–5641, Washington, DC 20210.

Please submit your comments by only one method. The Department will post all comments received on http://www.regulations.gov without making any change to the comments, including any personal information provided. The http://www.regulations.gov Web site is the Federal e-rulemaking portal and all comments posted there are available and accessible to the public. The Department cautions commenters not to include their personal information such as Social Security Numbers, personal addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses in their comments, as such submitted information will become viewable by the public via the http://www.regulations.gov Web site. It is the responsibility of the commenter to safeguard his or her information.

Comments submitted through http://www.regulations.gov will not include the commenter’s e-mail address unless the commenter chooses to include that information as part of his or her comment.

Postal delivery in Washington, DC, may be delayed due to security concerns. Therefore, the Department encourages the public to submit comments via the Web site indicated above.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking portal at: http://www.regulations.gov. The Department will also make all the comments it receives available for public inspection at the ETA Office of Policy Development and Research at the above address during normal business hours. If you need assistance to review the comments, the Department will provide you with appropriate aids such as readers or print magnifiers. The Department will make copies of the rule available, upon request, in large print and as electronic file on computer disk. The Department will consider providing the proposed rule in other formats upon request. To schedule an appointment to review the comments and/or obtain the rule in an alternate format, contact the Office of Policy Development and Research at (202) 693–3700 (VOICE) (this is not a
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52
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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Diesel Engine Anti-Idling Regulation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted on November 29, 2007 by the State of Rhode Island. This SIP revision includes a regulation that prohibits the unnecessary idling of diesel engines and vehicles in Rhode Island. The regulation sets limits for the amount of time and under what conditions diesel engines may idle. EPA is proposing that the standards and requirements set by the rule will strengthen the Rhode Island SIP. The intended effect of this action is to propose approval of this rule into the Rhode Island SIP. EPA is proposing approval of this rule pursuant to the Clean Air Act.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 28, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R01–0AR–2007–1176; A–1–FRL–8546–8

1. www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
2. E-mail: arnold.anne@epa.gov.
3. Fax: (617) 918–0047.
5. Hand Delivery or Courier. Deliver your comments to: Anne Arnold, Manager, Air Quality Planning Unit, Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA New England Regional Office, One Congress Street, 11th floor, (CAQ), Boston, MA 02114–2023. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office’s normal hours of operation. The Regional Office’s official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, excluding legal holidays.

Please see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register for detailed instructions on how to submit comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert C. Judge, Office of Ecosystem Protection, EPA New England, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CAQ), Boston, MA 02114–2023; 617–918–1045 (phone); 617–918–0045 (fax); e-mail at judge.robert@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 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: March 14, 2008.

Robert W. Varney,
Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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