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**MEMORANDUM**

OFFICE OF  
AIR QUALITY PLANNING  
AND STANDARDS

SUBJECT: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Rules for Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT)

FROM: John Calcagni, Director  
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TO: Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division,  
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This memorandum is to notify you that we are sending a final set of model VOC RACT rules to your staff. A copy of the memorandum transmitting these rules is attached. Please note that we do not plan to publish these model rules in the Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations as originally planned. We are informing your staff that they should use the rules as a template for proposing Federal implementation plans (FIP's) under section 110(c)(1) of the Clean Air Act for areas that fail to submit approvable RACT corrections required under section 182(a)(2)(A). The model rules, which cover 29 control techniques guidelines categories, have been coordinated with the Environmental Protection Agency Regional Offices; State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators/Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials; the Office of General Counsel; the Office of Enforcement; the Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation; and all four divisions within the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

The model rules should not be construed to be operational guidance on the approvability of State rules. States may adopt rules that are different from these rules, yet are still fully approvable. The basis by which State rules are evaluated and findings are made is the May 25, 1988 document, "Issues Relating to VOC Cutpoints, Deficiencies, and Deviations." Although the model rules are internal guidance for Regions to use in developing FIP's, we have notified your staff that they may send copies of these rules to your States as the States request examples of what we generally consider consistent with our guidance.

Attachment

cc: Air Branch Chief, Regions I-X