compounds (VOC)-controlled gasoline (i.e, summertime reformulated gasoline) under the Simple Model to the maximum oxygen content allowed under section 211(f) of the Clean Air Act (CAA, or the Act), as much as 3.5-4.0 percent by weight, depending on the oxygenate selected. This revision would further provide that the maximum oxygen content of VOC-controlled reformulated gasoline would be lowered in any state, should the governor request a lower oxygen content based on air quality concerns. The second revision would adjust the maximum oxygen content allowed for both summertime and wintertime reformulated gasolines under the Simple Model to account for variations in the density of the base gasolines to which the oxygenates are added.

DATES: EPA will conduct a hearing (date and location to be announced) if a request for such is received by October 20, 1995. The comment period on this notice will close November 6, 1995, unless a hearing is requested, in which case the comment period will close 30 days after the close of the public hearing.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit written comments (in duplicate, if possible) to Public Docket No. A–95–29 at Air Docket Section, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Waterside Mall, Room M–1500, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. The Agency requests that commenters also send a copy of any comments to Christine M. Brunner at the address listed below in the "Further Information" section.

Materials relevant to the reformulated gasoline final rule are contained in Public Dockets A-91-02 and A-92-12. Public Docket A-93-49 contains materials relevant to the renewable oxygenate requirement for reformulated gasoline; some of these materials may also be relevant to today's action. These dockets are located at Room M-1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. The docket may be inspected from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A reasonable fee may be charged by EPA for copying docket materials.

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## II. Introduction

40 CFR 80.41 contains the standards for certification under the reformulated gasoline program. Paragraph (g) of this section specifies that reformulated gasoline designated as VOC-controlled (i.e., for sale during the ozone season) must have no more than 2.7 percent by weight (wt%) oxygen per gallon. The regulations further specify that if a state notifies the Administrator that it wishes to have the oxygen standard increased for VOC-controlled reformulated gasoline, a higher cap of 3.5 wt% will be approved by the Administrator provided that there have been "no occasions within the three preceding years when the ozone ambient air quality standard was exceeded within any covered area within the state." EPA expects that a state would make this request primarily to permit and encourage the use of ethanol at volumes of up to 10% (which, as will be discussed in sections VIII and IX, is equivalent to approximately 3.5-4.0 wt% oxygen, depending upon the specific gravity of the base gasoline). In requesting and obtaining this different standard, the states would not be requiring the use of this maximum level of oxygen; rather, an increase in the standard for maximum oxygen content would provide refiners the option to produce reformulated gasoline with oxygen up to that level. Section 80.41(g) further states that the maximum oxygen content for non-VOC-controlled reformulated gasoline is 3.5 wt%, unless a state requests that EPA limit the oxygen content to 2.7 wt% due to concerns that "the use of an oxygenate will interfere with attainment or maintenance of an ambient air quality standard, or will contribute to an air quality problem.'

In reexamining this reformulated gasoline provision, EPA believes that the maximum oxygen content for VOCcontrolled reformulated gasoline is an unnecessary regulatory burden on gasoline and oxygenate producers, and that the requirements for a state to choose a higher oxygen level are also burdensome. Thus, EPA is proposing to raise the maximum oxygen content of VOC-controlled reformulated gasoline to a higher oxygen level (nominally 3.5-4.0 wt%) than currently allowed for VOC-controlled reformulated gasoline. Specifically, EPA proposes to increase the maximum oxygen content of VOCcontrolled reformulated gasoline such that reformulated gasoline containing