§ 51.151 Significant harm levels.

Each plan for a Priority I region must include a contingency plan which must, as a minimum, provide for taking action necessary to prevent ambient pollutant concentrations at any location in such region from reaching the following levels:

- **Sulfur dioxide**—60–100 μg/m³ (0.02–0.04 ppm) annual arithmetic mean; 260–445 μg/m³ (0.10–0.17 ppm) 24-hour maximum; any concentration above 1,300 μg/m³ (0.50 ppm) three-hour average.
- **Particulate matter**—60–95 μg/m³ annual geometric mean; 150–325 μg/m³ 24-hour maximum.

(e) In the absence of adequate monitoring data, appropriate models must be used to classify an area under paragraph (b) of this section, consistent with the requirements contained in § 51.112(a).

(f) Areas which do not meet the above criteria are classified Priority III.

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§ 51.152 Contingency plans.

(a) Each contingency plan must—

1. Specify adequate emission control actions to be taken at each episode stage. (Examples of emission control actions are set forth in appendix L.)

2. Each contingency plan for a Priority I region must provide for the following:

   (1) Prompt acquisition of forecasts of atmospheric stagnation conditions and of updates of such forecasts as frequently as they are issued by the National Weather Service.

   (2) Inspection of sources to ascertain compliance with applicable emission control action requirements.

   (3) Communications procedures for transmitting status reports and orders as to emission control actions to be taken during an episode stage, including procedures for contact with public officials, major emission sources, public health, safety, and emergency agencies and news media.

(c) Each plan for a Priority IA and II region must include a contingency plan that meets, as a minimum, the requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section. Areas classified Priority III do not need to develop episode plans.

(d) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the Administrator may, at his discretion—

   (1) Exempt from the requirements of this section those portions of Priority I, IA, or II regions which have been designated as attainment or unclassifiable for national primary and secondary standards under section 107 of the Act; or

   (2) Limit the requirements pertaining to emission control actions in Priority I regions to—

      (i) Urbanized areas as identified in the most recent United States Census, and

      (ii) Major emitting facilities, as defined by section 169(1) of the Act, outside the urbanized areas.

§ 51.153 Reevaluation of episode plans.

(a) States should periodically reevaluate priority classifications of all Regions or portion of Regions within their borders. The reevaluation must consider the three most recent years of air quality data. If the evaluation indicates a change to a higher priority...