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NAAQS. This determination, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.918, suspends the requirements for this area to submit an attainment demonstration, associated reasonably available control measures, a reasonable further progress plan, contingency measures, and other planning SIPs related to attainment of the standards for as long as this area continues to meet the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

(b) Based upon EPA’s review of the air quality data for the 3-year period 2008–2010, EPA determined that the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, North Carolina-South Carolina, 1997 8-hour ozone nonattainment Area attained the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS by the applicable attainment date of June 15, 2011. Therefore, EPA has met the requirement pursuant to CAA section 181(b)(2) to determine, based on the Area’s air quality as of the attainment date, whether the Area attained the standard. EPA also determined that the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, North Carolina-South Carolina, 1997 8-hour ozone nonattainment Area is not subject to the consequences of failing to attain pursuant to section 181(b)(2).


§ 52.1780 VOC rule deficiency correction.

(a) The revisions submitted to EPA for approval on September 21, 1989, January 14, 1991, April 29, 1991, August 13, 1991, and July 19, 1993, were intended to correct deficiencies cited in a letter calling for the State to revise its SIP for O₂ from Greer C. Tidwell, EPA Regional Administrator to Governor James C. Martin on May 25, 1988, and clarified in a letter from Winston A. Smith, EPA Region IV Air Division Director to the Chief of the Air Quality Section, North Carolina Division of Environmental Management. The deficiency in the following aspect of the rule has not been corrected.

(b) Procedures used to determine capture control device efficiency should be contained in 2D.0914. This deficiency must be corrected as soon as EPA issues final guidance on Capture Efficiency regulations.


§ 52.1781 Control strategy: Sulfur oxides and particulate matter.

(a) The plan’s control strategy for particulate matter as outlined in the three-year variance for the coal-fired units of Duke Power Company and Carolina Power & Light Company from the particulate emission limits of Regulation 15 N.C.A.C. 2D.0503, with submittals on June 18, September 7, October 31, and December 14, 1979, by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, is disapproved only insofar that it provides an exemption for excess emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, and verified malfunction. (See §52.1770(c)(2).)

(b) The plan’s control strategy for particulate matter as contained in regulation 15 NCAC 2D.0536, which was submitted on January 24 and February 21, 1983, and on December 17, 1985, and became effective on August 1, 1987, is disapproved insofar as it provides annual opacity limits for the seven plants of Duke Power Company and for Plants Roxboro and Cape Fear of Carolina Power and Light Company.

(c) The plan’s control strategy for particulate matter as contained in revisions to 15 NCAC 2D.0536 submitted on January 24, 1983, February 21, 1983, and December 17, 1985, is disapproved as it applies to the Carolina Power and Light Asheville, Lee, Sutton and Weatherspoon Plants. These plants will continue to be subject to the particulate limits of 15 NCAC 2D.0503, contained in the original SIP, submitted to EPA on January 27, 1972, and approved on May 31, 1982 at 47 FR 10884.

(d) In letters dated February 4, 1987, and June 15, 1987, the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development certified that no emission limits in the State’s plan are based on dispersion techniques not permitted by EPA’s stack height rules.

(e) Determination of Attaining Data. EPA has determined, as of January 4, 2010, the Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point, North Carolina, nonattainment area has attaining data for the 1997 PM₂·₅ NAAQS. This determination, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.1004(c),
suspends the requirements for this area to submit an attainment demonstration, associated reasonably available control measures, a reasonable further progress plan, contingency measures, and other planning SIPs related to attainment of the standard for as long as this area continues to meet the 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

(f) **Determination of Attaining Data.**
EPA has determined, as of January 5, 2010, the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, North Carolina, nonattainment area has attaining data for the 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS. This determination, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.1004(c), suspends the requirements for this area to submit an attainment demonstration, associated reasonably available control measures, a reasonable further progress plan, contingency measures, and other planning SIPs related to attainment of the standard for as long as this area continues to meet the 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

(g) **Disapproval.** EPA is disapproving portions of North Carolina’s Infrastructure SIP for the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS addressing interstate transport, specifically with respect to section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I).

(b) North Carolina submitted a control strategy plan for particulate matter entitled, “An Act to Improve Air Quality in the State by Imposing Limits on the Emission of Certain Pollutants from Certain Facilities that Burn Coal to Generate Electricity and to Provide for Recovery by Electric Utilities of the Costs of Achieving Compliance with Those Limits.” The State expects the resulting emission reductions of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide from this control plan will serve as a significant step towards meeting the 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ and 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS), among other NAAQS, improving visibility in the mountains and other scenic vistas, and reducing acid rain. The specific approved provisions, submitted on August 21, 2009, are paragraphs (a) through (e) of Section 1 of Session Law 2002–4, Senate Bill 1078 enacted and state effective on June 20, 2002. This approval does not include paragraphs (f) through (j) of Section 1 of Senate Bill 1078 nor any of Section 2 of Senate Bill 1078.


§ 52.1783 Original identification of plan section.

(a) This section identifies the original “Air Implementation Plan for the State of North Carolina” and all revisions submitted by North Carolina that were federally approved prior to December 1, 1998.

(b) The plan was officially submitted on January 27, 1972.

(c) The plan revisions listed below were submitted on the dates specified.
1. Miscellaneous non-regulatory additions to the plan submitted on May 5, 1972, by the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources.
2. Letter indicating procurement of additional monitors submitted on May 9, 1972, by the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources.
7. Compliance schedules submitted on November 2, 1973, by the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources.
8. Indirect source review regulation No. 9 submitted on November 16, 1973, by the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources.