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Clean Air Act, or in the protection of visibility program (40 CFR 51.301).

(c) *Long-term strategy.* (1) A long-term strategy is a 10- to 15-year plan for making reasonable progress toward the national goal specified in § 51.300(a). This strategy will cover any existing impairment certified by the Federal land manager and any integral vista which has been identified according to § 51.304.

(2) The Administrator shall review, and revise if appropriate, the long-term strategies developed for each visibility protection area. The review and revisions will be completed no less frequently than every 3 years from November 24, 1987.

(3) During the long-term strategy review process, the Administrator shall consult with the Federal land managers responsible for the appropriate mandatory Class I Federal areas, and will coordinate long-term strategy development for an area with existing plans and goals, including those provided by the Federal land managers.

(4) The Administrator shall prepare a report on any progress made toward the national visibility goal since the last long-term strategy revisions. A report will be made available to the public not less frequently than 3 years from November 24, 1987. This report must include an assessment of:

(i) The progress achieved in remedying existing impairment of visibility in any mandatory Class I Federal area;

(ii) The ability of the long-term strategy to prevent future impairment of visibility in any mandatory Class I Federal area;

(iii) Any change in visibility since the last such report, or in the case of the first report, since plan approval;

(iv) Additional measures, including the need for SIP revisions, that may be necessary to assure reasonable progress toward the national visibility goal;

(v) The progress achieved in implementing best available retrofit technology (BART) and meeting other schedules set forth in the long-term strategy;

(vi) The impact of any exemption granted under § 51.303;

(vii) The need for BART to remedy existing visibility impairment of any

integral vista identified pursuant to § 51.304.

(d) *Delegation of authority.* The Administrator may delegate with respect to a particular visibility protection area any of his functions under this section, except the making of regulations, to any State or local air pollution control agency of any State whose boundaries encompass that area.

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§ 52.30 Criteria for limiting application of sanctions under section 110(m) of the Clean Air Act on a statewide basis.

(a) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section:

(1) The term “political subdivision” refers to the representative body that is responsible for adopting and/or implementing air pollution controls for one, or any combination of one or more of the following: city, town, borough, county, parish, district, or any other geographical subdivision created by, or pursuant to, Federal or State law. This will include any agency designated under section 174, 42 U.S.C. 7504, by the State to carry out the air planning responsibilities under part D.

(2) The term “required activity” means the submission of a plan or plan item, or the implementation of a plan or plan item.

(3) The term “deficiency” means the failure to perform a required activity as defined in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(4) For purposes of § 52.30, the terms “plan” or “plan item” mean an implementation plan or portion of an implementation plan or action needed to prepare such plan required by the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990, or in response to a SIP call issued pursuant to section 110(k)(5) of the Act.

(b) *Sanctions.* During the 24 months after a finding, determination, or disapproval under section 179(a) of the Clean Air Act is made, EPA will not impose sanctions under section 110(m) of the Act on a statewide basis if the Administrator finds that one or more political subdivisions of the State are principally responsible for the deficiency on which the finding, disapproval, or determination as provided

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under section 179(a)(1) through (4) is based.

(c) *Criteria.* For the purposes of this provision, EPA will consider a political subdivision to be principally responsible for the deficiency on which a section 179(a) finding is based, if all five of the following criteria are met.

(1) The State has provided adequate legal authority to a political subdivision to perform the required activity.

(2) The required activity is one which has traditionally been performed by the local political subdivision, or the responsibility for performing the required activity has been delegated to the political subdivision.

(3) The State has provided adequate funding or authority to obtain funding (when funding is necessary to carry out the required activity) to the political subdivision to perform the required activity.

(4) The political subdivision has agreed to perform (and has not revoked that agreement), or is required by State law to accept responsibility for performing, the required activity.

(5) The political subdivision has failed to perform the required activity.

(d) *Imposition of sanctions.* (1) If all of the criteria in paragraph (c) of this section have been met through the action or inaction of one political subdivision, EPA will not impose sanctions on a statewide basis.

(2) If not all of the criteria in paragraph (c) of this section have been met through the action or inaction of one political subdivision, EPA will determine the area for which it is reasonable and appropriate to apply sanctions.

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§ 52.31 Selection of sequence of mandatory sanctions for findings made pursuant to section 179 of the Clean Air Act.

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to implement 42 U.S.C. 7509(a) of the Act, with respect to the sequence in which sanctions will automatically apply under 42 U.S.C. 7509(b), following a finding made by the Administrator pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7509(a).

(b) *Definitions.* All terms used in this section, but not specifically defined

herein, shall have the meaning given them in § 52.01.

(1) *1990 Amendments* means the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act (Pub. L. No. 101-549, 104 Stat. 2399).

(2) *Act* means Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.* (1991)).

(3) *Affected area* means the geographic area subject to or covered by the Act requirement that is the subject of the finding and either, for purposes of the offset sanction under paragraph (e)(1) of this section and the highway sanction under paragraph (e)(2) of this section, is or is within an area designated nonattainment under 42 U.S.C. 7407(d) or, for purposes of the offset sanction under paragraph (e)(1) of this section, is or is within an area otherwise subject to the emission offset requirements of 42 U.S.C. 7503.

(4) *Criteria pollutant* means a pollutant for which the Administrator has promulgated a national ambient air quality standard pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7409 (i.e., ozone, lead, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide).

(5) *Findings* or *Finding* refer(s) to one or more of the findings, disapprovals, and determinations described in subsection 52.31 (c).

(6) *NAAQS* means national ambient air quality standard the Administrator has promulgated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7409.

(7) *Ozone precursors* mean nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOC).

(8) *Part D* means part D of title I of the Act.

(9) *Part D SIP or SIP revision or plan* means a State implementation plan or plan revision that States are required to submit or revise pursuant to part D.

(10) *Precursor* means pollutant which is transformed in the atmosphere (later in time and space from point of emission) to form (or contribute to the formation of) a criteria pollutant.

(c) *Applicability.* This section shall apply to any State in which an affected area is located and for which the Administrator has made one of the following findings, with respect to any part D SIP or SIP revision required under the Act: