

Plan (SIP) revision of the Columbiana County, Ohio ozone maintenance plan. The maintenance plan revision allocates a portion of the safety margin to the transportation conformity mobile source emissions budget for the year 2005. USEPA is approving the allocation of 0.5 tons per day of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) to the area's 2005 mobile source emissions budget for transportation conformity purposes. This allocation will still maintain the total emissions for the area at or below the attainment level required by the transportation conformity regulations. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, USEPA is approving the State's SIP revision, as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If we receive no adverse comments in response to that direct final rule we plan to take no further activity in relation to this proposed rule. If USEPA receives significant adverse comments, in writing, which have not been addressed, we will withdraw the direct final rule and address all public comments received in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The USEPA will not institute a second comment period on this document.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch, (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604.

You may inspect copies of the documents relevant to this action during normal business hours at the following location: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch, (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604.

Please contact Patricia Morris at (312) 353-8656 before visiting the Region 5 office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Morris, Environmental Scientist, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-8656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document wherever "we", "us", or "our" are used we mean USEPA.

This Supplementary Information section is organized as follows:

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What Action is USEPA Taking Today?

In this action, we are proposing to approve a revision to the ozone maintenance plan for Columbiana County, Ohio. The revision will change the mobile source oxides of nitrogen emission budget that is used for transportation conformity purposes. The revision will keep the total emissions for the area at or below the attainment level required by law. This action will allow State or local agencies to maintain air quality while providing for transportation growth.

Where Can I Find More Information About This Proposal and the Corresponding Direct Final Rule?

For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

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Francis X. Lyons,

Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Assessment of Visibility Impairment at the Grand Canyon National Park: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for an advance notice of proposed rulemaking, published June 17, 1999 (64 FR 32458), regarding visibility impairment at the Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP) and the possibility that the Mohave Generating Station (MGS) in Laughlin, Nevada may contribute to that impairment. In the June 17 notice, EPA requests information that it should consider in determining whether visibility problems at the GCNP can be reasonably attributed to MGS, and if so, what, if any, pollution control requirements should be applied.

The public comment period for the advance notice of proposed rulemaking

was originally due to expire on August 16, 1999. On August 6, 1999 (64 FR 42891), September 14, 1999 (64 FR 49756), and October 1, 1999 (64 FR 53303), EPA published notices extending the public comment period on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking. Today, EPA is extending the public comment period for an additional 25 days.

DATES: The comment period on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking is extended until November 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to: EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street (AIR2), San Francisco, CA 94105, Attn: Regina Spindler.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regina Spindler (415) 744-1251, Planning Office (AIR2), Air Division, EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Dated: October 25, 1999.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator, Region 9.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York 15 and 9 Percent Rate of Progress Plans, Phase I Ozone Implementation Plan and 1996 and 1999 Transportation Conformity Budgets

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing action on a State Implementation Plan revision submitted by New York which is intended to meet several Clean Air Act requirements. EPA is proposing approval of the 1990 base year ozone emission inventory (for all ozone nonattainment areas in New York); the 1996 and 1999 ozone projection emission inventories; demonstration that emissions from growth in vehicle miles traveled will not increase motor vehicle emissions and, therefore, offsetting measures are not necessary; modeling efforts completed to date; transportation conformity budgets; photochemical assessment monitoring stations network; and enforceable commitments. EPA is also proposing