

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

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Bharat Mathur,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

PART 52—[AMENDED]

■ Accordingly, the amendment of 40 CFR 52.1220(c) as published at 68 FR 52113 (September 2, 2003) is withdrawn as of October 27, 2003.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MN73–2; FRL–7578–5]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to the receipt of an adverse comment, the EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule approving a site-specific revision to the Minnesota particulate matter (PM) State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Lafarge Corporation's (Lafarge) facility located on Red Rock Road in Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota. In the direct final rule published on September 2, 2003 (68 FR 52106), EPA stated that if EPA receives adverse comment by October 2, 2003, the PM rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. On September 2, 2003, EPA subsequently received one comment. We believe this comment is adverse and, therefore, we are withdrawing the direct final rule. EPA will address the comment received in a subsequent final action based on the proposed action published on September 2, 2003.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 68 FR 52106 on September 2, 2003, is withdrawn as of October 27, 2003.

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List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

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■ Accordingly, the addition of 40 CFR 52.1220(c)(64) is withdrawn as of October 27, 2003.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[ID–02–003; FRL–7568–9]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes: Ada County/Boise, ID Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is taking final action to rescind its earlier finding that the PM₁₀ standards promulgated on July 1, 1987 and the accompanying nonattainment designation and classification are no longer applicable in the Ada County/Boise, Idaho area, and simultaneously, approve a PM₁₀ State Implementation Plan maintenance plan for the Ada County/Boise Idaho area and to redesignate the area from nonattainment to attainment. PM₁₀ air pollution is suspended particulate matter with a diameter less than or equal to a nominal ten micrometers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the State's request and other supporting information used in developing this action are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA, Office of Air Quality (OAQ–107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101, and State of Idaho, Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ), 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706–1255. Interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies.

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I. What Is the Purpose of This Rulemaking?

Under the authority of the federal Clean Air Act (Clean Air Act or the Act) EPA is finalizing certain actions related to the PM₁₀ designation and classification of the Ada County/Boise, Idaho area.¹ First, EPA is rescinding the March 12, 1999 finding (64 FR 12257) that the PM₁₀ standards promulgated on July 1, 1987 (52 FR 24634) and the accompanying designation and classification for PM₁₀ no longer apply in the Ada County/Boise, Idaho area. The intended effect of this action is to restore the applicability of the current PM₁₀ standards in the Ada County/Boise, Idaho area as well as the nonattainment designation and moderate classification associated with those standards. Simultaneously, EPA is taking final action to approve the PM₁₀ maintenance plan for the Ada County/Boise, Idaho area as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision and to redesignate the area to “attainment” for PM₁₀.

The action to redesignate Ada County/Boise, Idaho to attainment is based on valid monitoring data and projections of ambient air quality made in the demonstration that accompanies the maintenance plan. EPA believes the area will continue to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS or standards) for PM₁₀ for at least 10 years beyond this redesignation, as required by the Act. A detailed description of our proposed action to rescind the March 12, 1999 finding and to approve the Ada County/Boise, Idaho maintenance plan and redesignation request was published in a proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 2003 (68 FR 44715).

II. What Comments Did EPA Receive on the Proposed Action?

EPA received the following comments from six commenters on the July 30, 2003 proposal for the Ada County/Boise, Idaho area. All comments either were in support of the proposal, requested further explanation on certain aspects of the proposal, or were outside the scope of the proposal.

¹ Although the State's maintenance plan and redesignation request refers to “Northern Ada County,” we are using the term “Ada County/Boise, Idaho” or “Ada County/Boise, Idaho area” for consistency with 40 CFR 81.313.