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II. Judicial Review

Under CAA section 307(b), judicial review of this final action is available only by filing a petition for review in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on or before May 7, 2010.


Gina McCarthy,
Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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Direct your comments to

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The State submittals, which are part of the EPA docket, are also available for public inspection at the State Air Agency during official business hours by appointment: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions concerning today’s direct final action, please contact Ms. Melanie Magee, Air Permits Section (6PD–R), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733; telephone (214) 665–7161; fax number (214) 665–6762; e-mail address magee.melanie@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
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I. The State’s Submittal

A. Which Rules Did the State Submit?

On September 25, 2003 and January 24, 2008, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) submitted proposed revisions to the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) concerning the Application Review Schedule, 30 TAC Chapter 116, Subchapter B, Division 1, Section 116.114. The TCEQ adopted these revisions on August 20, 2003 and December 19, 2007, to address requirements related to the voiding of a permit or permit amendment and Advanced Clean Energy Projects (ACEP), respectively. The September 25, 2003 SIP submittal affects sections 116.12, 116.114, 116.115, 116.120, 116.143, 116.150, 116.170, 116.172, 116.313, 116.315, and 116.715. With this action, EPA is taking a direct final action to approve the section 116.114 revisions. Sections 116.115, 116.120 and 116.315 are currently under review and EPA will act on these revisions separately. The remaining sections have been addressed by EPA in prior separate actions.\(^1\)\(^2\) The January 24, 2008 SIP submittal affects section 116.114 and with this review, EPA is taking a direct final action to approve those changes.

Tables 1 and 2 below summarize the changes that were submitted. A summary of EPA’s evaluation of each section and the basis for this direct final rule is discussed in section II of this preamble. The Technical Support Document (TSD) includes a detailed evaluation of the referenced SIP submittals.

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### B. What Action Is EPA Taking?

We have evaluated the SIP submissions for consistency with the CAA, NSR regulations for major and minor sources in 40 CFR Part 51, and the approved Texas SIP. We have also reviewed the rules for enforceability and legal sufficiency. In this review, we have identified that on September 18, 2002, EPA approved revisions to Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC), Chapter 116—Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification, Section 114—Application Review Schedule into the Texas SIP. Since EPA's approval, Texas has submitted three SIP revisions to section 116.114 on October 25, 1999, September 25, 2003 and January 24, 2008. The September 25, 2003 and January 24, 2008 rule revisions have


\(^2\) On September 23, 2009 (74 FR 48480) EPA proposed to disapprove 30 TAC 116.715.
been determined to be severable from the October 25, 1999 revisions. The October 25, 1999 revision to section 116.114 contains references to the rules adopted by the State for 30 TAC Chapter 39, Public Notice. A Limited Approval and Limited Disapproval (LALD) was proposed on November 26, 2008 (73 FR 72001) for the section 116.114 revisions submitted to EPA on October 25, 1999. Therefore, this action will not include the section 116.114 revisions submitted on October 25, 1999, which will be addressed separately.

A technical analysis of the September 25, 2003 and January 24, 2008 proposed rule revisions have found that these revisions are consistent with the CAA, 40 CFR Part 51 and EPA policies. Therefore, EPA is taking a direct final action to approve the revised section 116.114 rules submitted on September 25, 2003 and January 24, 2008.

We are publishing this rule without prior proposal because we view this as a noncontroversial amendment and anticipate no relevant adverse comments. However, in the proposed rules section of this Federal Register publication, we are publishing a separate document that will serve as the proposal to approve the SIP revision if relevant adverse comments are received. This rule will be effective on May 7, 2010 without further notice unless we receive relevant adverse comment by April 7, 2010. If we receive relevant adverse comments, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the Federal Register informing the public that the rule will not take effect. We will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so now. Please note that if we receive adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, we may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

II. EPA’s Evaluation
A. What Did Texas Submit on September 25, 2003?

Texas submitted a revision to 30 TAC 116.114 requiring that an application for a permit or permit amendment be voided in the event deficient information supplied with the application is not corrected. If an applicant fails to make a good faith effort to provide the required information after two written notifications of the deficiency, the Executive Director shall void the application and notify the applicant. To further pursue the project following a voiding of the application, the applicant shall submit an entirely new application on a new form. The new application shall be subject to the state and federal rules and regulations in place at the time of submittal. If a new application is submitted within six months of the voidance of the original application, the application shall be exempt from the fee requirements under 30 TAC 116.140. Applicability. However, the applicant must go through a new technical review and republish the public notice.

The revised paragraph 116.114(b)(2) adds language to state that the Executive Director shall notify a permit applicant of voidances and deficiencies in voided applications. The paragraph also states that the submitted application shall meet the requirements of 30 TAC 116.111, General Application. See section 116.114(b)(2).

B. What Is EPA’s Evaluation of the September 25, 2003 SIP Revision?

This SIP revision changing the provisions contained in section 116.114 provides for the voiding of a deficient application for a permit or permit amendment. Texas revised this section as described below:

- Voiding of deficient application. Under the existing provisions in 30 TAC 116.114(b)(2), the applicant is notified of the voidance of the application. The revision contained in this SIP submittal specifies that the Executive Director will also notify the applicant of the remaining deficiencies in the voided application. Also included with this SIP revision is the requirement for meeting section 116.111, General Application. Prior to the proposed final action for the 30 TAC 116.111 revisions, EPA approved 30 TAC 116.111, General Application, into the existing SIP on September 18, 2002 (67 FR 59697). The references contained in the 30 TAC 116.114 revisions were deemed to be consistent with the existing SIP approved provisions for 30 TAC 116.111.

The CAA and federal regulations do not specify a procedure for the voidance of a permit or permit application. However, the Federal Regulations do provide in 40 CFR 51.163 that the SIP must include administrative procedures to be applied in making determinations specified in 40 CFR 51.160. Therefore, a State should establish an administrative procedure for the voidance of permits or permit applications that do not meet the requirements of the Act and the applicable regulations. By adopting the voidance rule revisions, TCEQ has improved the SIP provision for the voidance of permit applications that do not meet the requirements contained in the SIP, including the state approved provisions of section 116.111, General Application.

C. What Did Texas Submit on January 24, 2008?

In this SIP submittal, TCEQ amended 30 TAC 116.114 in 30 TAC Chapter 116 to implement the requirements of House Bill 3732, 80th Legislature (2007), and Texas Health and Safety Code, section 382.0566, concerning specific deadlines for review and issuance of air quality permits for ACEPs. The amendment revises section 116.114 by adding a new paragraph (a)(3) and redesignating the existing paragraph (a)(3) to paragraph (a)(4). The new paragraph (a)(3) establishes a review schedule for processing permits for ACEP. For any ACEP, the Executive Director of the TCEQ must complete the technical review of the permit application no later than nine months after declaring the permit application to be administratively complete. See section 116.114(a)(3)(A). Not later than nine months after declaring the permit application to be technically complete, the TCEQ shall issue an order to either issue or deny the permit. The TCEQ may extend this deadline up three months if it determines that the number of complex pending applications for permits under Chapter 116 will prevent the TCEQ from meeting the nine-month deadline without creating an extraordinary burden on the resources of the TCEQ. See section 116.114(a)(3)(B).

D. What Is EPA’s Evaluation of the January 24, 2008 SIP Revision?

This SIP revision revises section 116.114 to establish a timeline for processing ACEP permits. Texas revised this section as described below:

- Determination of administrative completeness. Under the existing provisions in section 116.114(a)(1), the TCEQ must determine whether any permit application, including ACEP applications, are administratively complete within 90 days of receipt of the application. Paragraph (a)(1) continues to provide the procedures for notification for any permit application, whether it is administratively complete or whether it is deficient. Paragraph (a)(2) continues to provide the procedures for making a preliminary decision to approve or disapprove an application. These provisions were not changed in this SIP revision.

- Determination of technical completeness. The new section
116.114(a)(3)(A) provides that the Executive Director of the TCEQ shall complete the technical review of the permit application for an ACEP not later than nine months after declaring the permit application to be administratively complete.

- Issuance or denial of an ACEP permit. The new section 116.114(a)(3)(B) provides that the Executive Director of the TCEQ shall issue a final order either to issue or to deny a permit for an ACEP not later than nine months after declaring the permit application to be technically complete. This paragraph provides that this deadline may be extended up to three additional months whenever the Commission determines that the number of complex pending applications for permits under Chapter 116 will prevent the TCEQ from meeting the nine month deadline without creating an extraordinary burden on the resources of TCEQ. With regards to processing applications for new and modified sources, the Federal regulations provide in 40 CFR 51.163 that the plan must include the administrative procedures, which will be followed in making the determination specified in paragraph (a) of section 116.160. Accordingly, a State may establish a timeline for processing a permit that the State determines is necessary to process a permit application and make a final permit decision that meets the requirements of the Act and the applicable regulations. In adopting the timeline for processing ACEPs, Texas has set forth a schedule that will enable TCEQ to make declarations whether the ACEP application is administratively complete, technically complete, and to perform its evaluation of the permit application to determine whether it meets the requirements in the SIP, including the approved provisions of section 116.111, General Application, and to make its determination whether to issue or deny the permit. Thus this revised rule continues to ensure that new and modified sources will be authorized based upon the State’s finding that the construction or modification of new and modified ACEP sources will not: (1) Violate applicable portions of the control strategy; or (2) interfere with attainment or maintenance of a national standard in the State in which the proposed source (or modification) is located or in a neighboring State; which satisfies the requirements of 40 CFR 51.160(a) and (b). These satisfy the requirements under section 110(l) of the Act which provides that a plan revision must not interfere with any applicable requirement concerning attainment and reasonable further progress or any other requirement of the act. The application review schedule provisions under review in this action will not interfere with attainment or reasonable further progress or any other applicable requirement of the Act.

III. Final Action

EPA is taking direct final action to approve revisions of the SIP Texas submitted on September 25, 2003 and January 24, 2008. We have determined that the revised rules clarify and strengthen the existing SIP. EPA is not taking action on the revisions to sections 116.12, 116.114, 116.115, 116.120, 116.143, 116.150, 116.170, 116.172, 116.313, 116.315, and 116.715 included in the September 25, 2003 SIP submittal. Sections 116.115, 116.120 and 116.315 are currently under review and EPA will act on these revisions separately. The remaining sections have been addressed by EPA in prior separate actions.

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the Clean Air Act, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the Act and applicable Federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, EPA’s role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. Accordingly, this action merely approves state law as meeting Federal requirements. 40 CFR 52.02(b)(1). This action does not provide EPA with the discretionary authority to address, as appropriate, disproportionate human health or environmental effects, using practicable and legally permissible methods, under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

In addition, this rule does not have tribal implications as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), because the SIP is not approved to apply in Indian country located in the state, and EPA notes that it will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law.

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 et seq., as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this action and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the Federal Register. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by May 7, 2010. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this action for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements. (See section 307(b)(2).)
List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.


Al Armendariz,
Regional Administrator, Region 6.

PART 52—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

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

Subpart SS—Texas

2. The table in §52.2270(c) entitled "EPA Approved Regulations in the Texas SIP" is amended by revising the entry for Section 116.114 under Chapter 116—Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification, Subchapter B—New Source Review Permits, Division 1—Permit Application, to read as follows:

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: 1-Hour Ozone Extreme Area Plan for San Joaquin Valley, CA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving state implementation plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of California to meet the Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements applicable to the San Joaquin Valley, California extreme 1-hour ozone standard nonattainment area (SJV area). EPA is approving the SIP revisions for the SJV area as meeting applicable CAA and EPA regulatory requirements for the attainment and rate-of-progress demonstrations and their related contingency measures, reasonably available control measures, and other control requirements. In addition, EPA is approving the SJV Air Pollution Control District’s Rule 9310, “School Bus Fleets.”

DATES: Effective Date: This rule is effective on April 7, 2010.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established docket number EPA–R09–OAR–2008–0693 for this action. The index to the docket is available electronically at www.regulations.gov and in hard copy at EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. While all documents in the docket are listed in the index, some information may be publicly available only at the hard copy location (e.g., copyrighted material), and some may not be publicly available in either location (e.g., CBI). To inspect the hard copy materials, please schedule an appointment during normal business hours with the contact listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frances Wicher, EPA Region IX, (415) 942–3957, wicher.frances@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document, “we,” “us” and “our” refer to EPA.

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I. Summary of Proposed Actions

On July 14, 2009 at 74 FR 33933, EPA proposed to approve in part and disapprove in part the state implementation plan (SIP) revisions