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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revision to the Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program—Quality Assurance Protocol for the Safety Inspection Program in Non-I/M Counties

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purpose of changing the quality assurance program for its motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program (I/M program). Specifically, the Commonwealth is amending a provision of its prior SIP-approved I/M program to amend the duration of the timing of quality assurance audits performed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) as part of their program oversight. The amendment allows for these audits to be conducted within five days of vehicle inspection, instead of the two day window allowed under the prior approved SIP. In the Final Rules section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the Commonwealth’s SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by July 6, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID Number EPA–R03–OAR–2011–0379 by one of the following methods:
B. E-mail: fernandez.cristina@epa.gov.

D. Hand Delivery: At the previously-listed EPA Region III address. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket’s normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–R03–OAR–2011–0379. EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through http://www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The http://www.regulations.gov Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through http://www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD–ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the Rules and Regulations section of this Federal Register publication.

Dated: May 18, 2011.

Shawn M. Garvin, Regional Administrator, Region III.

EPA is considering approval of revisions to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the State of Texas that relate to the Permit Renewals. These portions of the SIP revisions proposed for approval address the following requirements related to Permit Renewals: Notification of permit holder, permit renewal application, and review schedule. EPA finds that these changes to the Texas SIP comply with the Federal Clean Air Act (the Act or CAA) and EPA regulations and are consistent with EPA policies. EPA is proposing this action under section 110 of the Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 6, 2011.