ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Proposed Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Michigan;
Determination of Attainment of the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine
Particle Standards for the Detroit-Ann Arbor Nonattainment Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to make three determinations under the Clean
Air Act (CAA) regarding the fine particle (PM$_{2.5}$) nonattainment area of
Detroit-Ann Arbor, Michigan (Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland,
St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties) (Detroit-Ann Arbor area). EPA
is proposing to determine that the Detroit-Ann Arbor area has attained
both the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)
and the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS. These proposed determinations of
attainment are based upon complete, quality-assured, and certified ambient
air monitoring data for 2009–2011 showing that the area has monitored
attainment of the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS. Preliminary
data available for 2012 indicate that the area continues in attainment of the 1997
annual and the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS. If these proposed
determinations are made final, the requirements for the Detroit-Ann Arbor
area to submit an attainment demonstration, associated reasonably
available control measures (RACM) to include reasonably available control
technology (RACT), a reasonable further progress (RFP) plan, contingency
measures, and other planning State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions
related to attainment of the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS
shall be suspended for so long as the area continues to attain the respective
PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS. EPA is also proposing to determine, based on complete, quality-
assured and certified monitoring data for the 2007–2010 monitoring period,
that the Detroit-Ann Arbor area had attained the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS
by the applicable attainment date of April 5, 2010.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 6, 2012.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Throughout this document whenever “we,” “us,” or “our” is used, we mean
EPA.

This supplementary information section is arranged as follows:
I. What is EPA proposing?
II. What is the background of these actions?
III. What is EPA’s analysis of the relevant air quality data?
IV. What are the effects of these actions?
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I. What is EPA proposing?

In accordance with 40 CFR 51.1004(c), EPA is proposing to
determine that Detroit-Ann Arbor Michigan has attained both the 1997
annual and the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS. These proposed
determinations are based upon complete, quality-assured, and certified ambient
air monitoring data for the 2009–2011 monitoring period that show
the area has monitored attainment of both PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS. Preliminary
quality-assured data available for 2012 are consistent with continued
attainment. In accordance with 40 CFR 51.1004(c), if EPA finalizes these
determinations, it will suspend the Detroit-Ann Arbor area’s obligation to
submit attainment related requirements for the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour
PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

Pursuant to section 179(c) of the CAA, EPA is also proposing to determine that,
based on air quality monitoring data for 2007–2010, the Detroit-Ann Arbor area
attained the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS
by its applicable attainment date of
April 5, 2010.
II. What is the background for these actions?

On July 18, 1997 (62 FR 36852), EPA established an annual PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS at 15.0 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu$g/m$^3$) based on a three-year average of annual mean PM$_{2.5}$ concentrations. At that time, EPA also established a 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ standard of 65 $\mu$g/m$^3$. On January 5, 2005 (70 FR 944), EPA published its air quality designations and classifications for the 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS based upon air quality monitoring data for calendar years 2001–2003. These designations became effective on April 5, 2005. The Detroit-Ann Arbor area was designated nonattainment for the 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

On October 17, 2006 (71 FR 61144), EPA retained the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS at 15.0 $\mu$g/m$^3$ based on a three-year average of annual mean PM$_{2.5}$ concentrations, and promulgated a 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ standard of 35 $\mu$g/m$^3$ based on a three-year average of the 98th percentile of 24-hour concentrations. On November 13, 2009 (74 FR 58688), EPA published its air quality designations and classifications for the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS based upon air quality monitoring data for calendar years 2006–2008. These designations became effective on December 14, 2009. The Detroit-Ann Arbor area was designated nonattainment for the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

In response to legal challenges to the annual standards promulgated in 2006, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (DC Circuit) remanded these standards to EPA for further consideration. See American Farm Bureau Federation and National Pork Producers Council, et al. v. EPA, 559 F.3d 512 (DC Cir. 2009). However, given that the 1997 and 2006 annual standards are essentially identical, attainment of the 1997 annual standards would also indicate attainment of the remanded 2006 annual standards.

On April 25, 2007 (72 FR 20664), EPA promulgated its PM$_{2.5}$ implementation rule, codified at 40 CFR part 51, subpart Z, in which the Agency provided guidance for state and tribal plans to implement the 1997 p.m.$_{2.5}$ standards. This rule, at 40 CFR 51.1004(c), specifies some of the regulatory consequences of attaining the standards, as discussed later.

III. What is EPA’s analysis of the relevant air quality data?

Today’s proposed determinations assess whether the Detroit-Ann Arbor area has attained the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ standards, based on the most recent three years of complete, certified and quality-assured data, and whether the Detroit-Ann Arbor area attained the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS by the applicable attainment date of April 5, 2010, based on monitored data from 2007–2010.

Under EPA’s regulations at 40 CFR 50.7, the annual primary and secondary PM$_{2.5}$ standards are met when the annual arithmetic mean concentration, as determined in accordance with 40 CFR part 50, appendix N, is less than or equal to 15.0 $\mu$g/m$^3$ at all relevant monitoring sites in the area. Under EPA regulations in 40 CFR 50.13 and in accordance with 40 CFR part 50, Appendix N, the 24-hour primary and secondary PM$_{2.5}$ standards are met when the 98th percentile 24-hour concentration is less than or equal to 35 $\mu$g/m$^3$.

The Detroit-Ann Arbor area has fourteen monitors located in Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties that reported design values from 2009–2011, the most recent three years of data, for PM$_{2.5}$ that ranged from 9.0 to 11.6 $\mu$g/m$^3$ for the 1997 annual standard, and 24 to 32 $\mu$g/m$^3$ for the 2006 24-hour standard, as shown in Table 1 and Table 2.

All monitors in the Detroit-Ann Arbor area recorded complete data in accordance with criteria set forth by EPA in 40 CFR part 50, appendix N, where a complete year of air quality data comprises four calendar quarters, with each quarter containing data from at least 75 percent capture of the scheduled sampling days. Available data are considered to be sufficient for comparison to the NAAQS if three consecutive complete years of data exist.


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EPA’s review of monitoring data from the 2007–2009, 2008–2010, and 2009–2011 monitoring periods supports EPA’s determinations that the Detroit-Ann Arbor PM$_{2.5}$ nonattainment area has: (1) Monitored attainment of the PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS for such period and (2) attained the PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS by the attainment date of April 5, 2010 for the 1997 standard. Additionally, the preliminary monitoring data for 2012 are consistent with the area’s continued attainment.

IV. What are the effects of these actions?

If EPA’s proposed determinations of attainment for the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ standard, based on the most recent three years of complete, quality-assured and certified data, are made final, under the provisions of the PM$_{2.5}$ Implementation Rule (40 CFR 51.1004(c)) the requirements for the Detroit-Ann Arbor PM$_{2.5}$ nonattainment area to submit an attainment demonstration, RACM (including RACT), an RFP plan, contingency measures, and other planning SIP revisions related to attainment of the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS shall be suspended for each for so long as the Detroit-Ann Arbor area continues to attain the respective PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

These proposed determinations of attainment for the Detroit-Ann Arbor PM$_{2.5}$ nonattainment area would, if finalized: (1) Suspend the obligation for Michigan to submit the requirements listed above; (2) continue for each NAAQS until such time, if any, that EPA subsequently determines that any monitor in the area has violated that PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS; and (3) be separate from any future designation determination or requirements for the Detroit-Ann Arbor PM$_{2.5}$ nonattainment area based on any future PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS revision.

If these rulemakings are finalized and EPA subsequently determines, after notice-and-comment rulemaking in the Federal Register, that the Detroit-Ann Arbor area has violated the 1997 annual or 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS, the basis for the suspension of the specific requirements for that NAAQS, set forth at 40 CFR 51.1004(c), would no longer exist, and the State of Michigan would thereafter have to address the pertinent requirements.

The actions proposed above are limited to determinations that the air quality data show that the Detroit-Ann Arbor PM$_{2.5}$ nonattainment area has monitored attainment of the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS, and does not result in a redesignation of the Detroit-Ann Arbor PM$_{2.5}$ nonattainment area to attainment for either the 1997 annual or the 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

These proposed actions, if finalized, would not constitute a redesignation to attainment under section 107(d)(3) of the CAA because EPA is not proposing to take action pursuant to CAA section 107(d)(3) and the statutory prerequisites set forth in CAA section 107(d)(3) have not yet been met. For example, EPA has not yet approved a maintenance plan for the area as required under CAA section 175A, nor proposed a determination that the Detroit-Ann Arbor PM$_{2.5}$ nonattainment area has met the other requirements for redesignation under the CAA.

The designation status of the Detroit-Ann Arbor PM$_{2.5}$ nonattainment area will remain nonattainment for the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS until such time as EPA takes final rulemaking action to determine that such an area meets the CAA requirements for redesignation to attainment.

Pursuant to section 179(c) of the CAA, EPA is also proposing to determine that the Detroit-Ann Arbor area attained the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS by the applicable attainment date of April 5, 2010. If this proposed determination is finalized, EPA will have met its requirement pursuant to section 179(c)(1) of the CAA to make a determination based on the Detroit-Ann Arbor area’s air quality data, whether the area attained the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS by its attainment date.

EPA is soliciting comment on the issues discussed in this document. EPA will consider these comments before taking final action. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on any of the proposed determinations described above and if that determination may be severed from the remainder of the final agency actions, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the proposed agency action that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

V. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

This action proposes to make attainment determinations based on air quality data and would, if finalized, result in the suspension of certain Federal requirements and/or would not impose any additional requirements. For that reason, this proposed action:

- Is not a “significant regulatory action” subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993);
- Does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.
of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.);

• Is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

• Does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–4);

• Does not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);

• Is not an economically significant regulatory action based on health or safety risks subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997);

• Is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 12121 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);

• Is not subject to requirements of Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the Clean Air Act; and

• 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, these proposed PM2.5 NAAQS attainment determinations do 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.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Particulate matter, Reporting and record-keeping requirements.


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 171, 173, and 178

[Docket No. PHMSA–2011–0143 (HM–253)]

RIN 2137–AE81

Hazardous Materials; Reverse Logistics (RRR)

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM).

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this ANPRM to identify ways to reduce the regulatory burden for persons who ship consumer products containing hazardous materials in the “reverse logistics” supply chain. Reverse logistics is the process that is initiated when a consumer product goes backwards in the distribution chain. It may be initiated by the consumer, the retailer, or anyone else in the chain. Therefore, the process may involve consumers, retailers, manufacturers, and even disposal facilities. Following this ANPRM, PHMSA anticipates publishing an NPRM that will propose to simplify the regulations for reverse logistics shipments and provide avenue means for regulatory compliance that maintains transportation safety. This action is part of DOT’s retrospective plan under EO 13563 completed in August 2011 DOT’s plan is available at: http://www.dot.gov/open/docs/dot-final-rrr-plan-08-29-2011.pdf. To fully engage the broad spectrum of stakeholders affected by reverse logistics, this ANPRM solicits comments and input on several questions in the context of reverse logistics. Any comments, data, and information received will be used to evaluate and shape the proposals in the NPRM.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 3, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the docket number PHMSA–2011–0143 (HM–253) by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number (PHMSA–2011–0143) or RIN (RIN 2137–AE81) for this notice at the beginning of the comment. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to the docket management system, including any personal information provided. If sent by mail, comments must be submitted in duplicated. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In general, “reverse logistics” pertains to the safe return of goods from the marketplace to the original vendor, manufacturer, or supplier. Reverse logistics of hazardous materials affects many industries including high-tech, retail, medical, pharmaceutical, automotive, and aerospace. In effect, reverse logistics is the supply chain in reverse. PHMSA is publishing this ANPRM to identify possible ways to reduce the regulatory burden on retail outlets that ship consumer products containing hazardous materials in the “reverse logistics” supply chain. PHMSA is looking to evaluate the shipment of “reverse logistics” by