ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Amendments to West Virginia’s Ambient Air Quality Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is taking direct final action to approve a revision to the West Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revision pertains to amendments of West Virginia’s Legislative Rule, 45 CSR 8—Ambient Air Quality Standards. The amendments change the effective date of the incorporation by reference of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for sulfur oxides, nitrogen dioxide, lead, particulate matter and carbon monoxide as well as their monitoring reference and equivalent methods. EPA is approving these revisions in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

DATES: This rule is effective on December 28, 2012 without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse written comment by November 28, 2012. If EPA receives such comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the Federal Register and inform the public that the rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID Number EPA–R03–OAR–2012–0608 by one of the following methods:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Asrah Khadr, (215) 814–2071, or by email at khadr.asrah@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Throughout this document, whenever “we,” “us,” or “our” is used, we mean EPA. On June 6, 2012, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) submitted a formal revision to its SIP pertaining to amendments of Legislative Rule, 45 CSR 8—Ambient Air Quality Standards. The SIP revision consists of a change in the effective date of the incorporation by reference of the NAAQS and their monitoring reference and equivalent methods. EPA had approved a previous revision of Legislative Rule 45 CSR 8 on September 12, 2012 (77 FR 56125).

II. Summary of SIP Revision

This SIP revision is part of an annual submission by WVDEP to update their incorporation by reference of the National Primary and Secondary Ambient Air Quality Standards which are found at 40 CFR Part 50. The SIP revision also updates the incorporation by reference of the Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods which are found at 40 CFR Part 53. The amendments to the legislative rule include changes to section 45–8–1 (General) in which the filing and effective dates are changed to reflect the update of the legislative rule. They also include changes to section 45–8–3 (Adoption of Standards) in which the effective dates for the incorporation by reference of the National Primary and Secondary Ambient Air Quality Standards and the Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods are also changed to reflect the update of the legislative rule. The filing and effective dates of the legislative rule were updated and changed to May 1, 2012 and June 1, 2012 respectively. The effective date of the incorporation by reference of 40 CFR Part 50 and 40 CFR Part 53 changed from June 16, 2011 to June 1, 2012.

III. Final Action

EPA is approving the amendments to Legislative Rule, 45 CSR 8—Ambient Air Quality Standards, into the West Virginia SIP. EPA is publishing this rule without prior proposal because we view this as a noncontroversial amendment and anticipate no adverse comment. However, in the “Proposed Rules” section of today’s Federal Register, EPA is publishing a separate document that will serve as the proposal to approve the SIP revision if adverse comments are filed. This rule will be effective on December 28, 2012 without further notice unless EPA receives adverse comment by November 28, 2012. If EPA receives adverse comment, EPA will...
Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the CAA 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 CAA. Accordingly, this action merely approves state law as meeting Federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. For that reason, this 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 (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 13211 (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 CAA; 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, 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.

B. Submission to Congress and the Comptroller General

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).

C. Petitions for Judicial Review

Under section 307(b)(1) of the CAA, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by December 28, 2012. 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. Parties with objections to this direct final rule are encouraged to file a comment in response to the parallel notice of proposed rulemaking for this action published in the proposed rules section of today’s Federal Register, rather than file an immediate petition for judicial review of this direct final rule, so that EPA can withdraw this direct final rule and address the comment in the proposed rulemaking.

This action pertaining to the amendments of Legislative Rule 45 CSR 8 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, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Sulfur oxides.

Dated: October 10, 2012.

W.C. Early,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

40 CFR Part 52 is amended as follows:

PART 52—[AMENDED]

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

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

Subpart XX—West Virginia

2. In §52.2520, the table in paragraph (c) is amended by revising the entries for 45–8–1 through 45–8–4 to read as follows:

§ 52.2520 Identification of plan.

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EPA-APPROVED REGULATIONS IN THE WEST VIRGINIA SIP

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Parts 412, 413, 424, and 476

[CMS–1588–CN3]

RIN 0938–AR12

Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2013 Rates; Hospitals’ Resident Caps for Graduate Medical Education Payment Purposes; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers and for Ambulatory Surgical Centers;...

DATES: Effective Date: October 26, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tzvi Hoffer, (410) 786–4487.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In FR Doc. 2012–19079 of August 31, 2012 (77 FR 53258) (hereinafter referred to as the FY 2013 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule), there were technical and typographical errors that are identified and corrected in the Correction of Errors section of this correcting document. We note that in the October 3, 2012 Federal Register (77 FR 60315), we corrected a number of the errors in the FY 2013 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule including an error in the table regarding the final performance standards for the FY 2015 Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (HVBP) program. (For more detailed information, see sections II.A. and IV.A.11. of the October 3, 2012 correcting document).

II. Summary of Errors

A. Errors in the Preamble

On pages 53601 and 53602, we have determined that there were also errors in the achievement thresholds and benchmark values presented in the Clinical Process of Care measures section of the final performance standards for the FY 2015 HVBP Program table. The omission of the label for the HF–1 measure resulted in the performance standards for all subsequent measures being shifted up one line each. The table now reflects the corrections for all finalized Clinical Process of Care measures.

B. Errors in the Addendum

On page 53695, we made typographical errors in the charge inflation factor for the FY 2013 IPPS outlier threshold.

III. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and Delay of Effective Date

We ordinarily publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a rule take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). However, we can waive this notice and comment procedure if the Secretary finds, for good cause, that the notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons therefore in the notice.

Section 553(d) of the APA ordinarily requires a 30–day delay in effective date of final rules after the date of their publication in the. This 30–day delay in effective date can be waived, however, if an agency finds for good cause that the delay is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and the agency incorporates a statement of the findings and its reasons in the rule issued.

In our view, this correcting document does not constitute a rule that would be subject to the APA notice and comment process or delayed effective date requirements. This correcting document corrects technical and typographical errors in the preamble and addendum, but does not make substantive changes to the policies or payment methodologies that...