**SUMMARY:** EPA is taking several related actions under the Clean Air Act (CAA) affecting the state of Ohio and the Ohio portions of the Parkersburg-Marietta and Wheeling, West Virginia-Ohio areas for the 1997 annual fine particulate matter (PM\textsubscript{2.5}) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS or standard). EPA is approving requests from the state of Ohio to redesignate the Ohio portions of the Parkersburg-Marietta and Wheeling areas to attainment of the 1997 annual PM\textsubscript{2.5} standard.

**DATE:** This final rule is effective August 29, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** EPA has established docket facilities for this action: Docket ID Nos. EPA-R05-OAR-2012-0212 (Parkersburg-Marietta) and EPA-R05-OAR-2012-0338 (Wheeling). All documents in the docket are available electronically at www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. This facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. We recommend that you telephone Anthony Maietta, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (312) 353-8777, before visiting the Region 5 office.

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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 the background for the actions?**

On December 2, 2011 (76 FR 75464), EPA issued a final determination that the Parkersburg-Marietta and Wheeling nonattainment areas were attaining the 1997 annual PM\textsubscript{2.5} standard.

On February 29, 2012, Ohio submitted its request to redesignate the Ohio portion of Parkersburg-Marietta (Washington County) to attainment of the 1997 annual PM\textsubscript{2.5} standard. On April 16, 2012, Ohio submitted its request to redesignate the Ohio portion of Wheeling (Belmont County) to attainment of the 1997 annual PM\textsubscript{2.5} standard. These redesignation requests are based on 2008–2010 monitoring data showing attainment of the 1997 annual PM\textsubscript{2.5} standard.

On November 30, 2012 (77 FR 71383, 77 FR 71371), EPA published notices proposing to approve Ohio’s requests to redesignate the Ohio portions of the Parkersburg-Marietta and Wheeling areas to attainment of the 1997 annual PM\textsubscript{2.5} standard. These rulemaking notices also proposed to approve Ohio’s PM\textsubscript{2.5} maintenance plan, 2005 NO\textsubscript{x}, SO\textsubscript{2}, and primary PM\textsubscript{2.5} emission inventories for Washington and Belmont Counties, and proposed to determine the insufficiency of the 2022 NO\textsubscript{x} and PM\textsubscript{2.5} MVEBs for Washington and Belmont Counties. These rulemaking notices also proposed to determine that the Ohio portions of the Parkersburg-Marietta and Wheeling areas continue to attain the 1997 annual PM\textsubscript{2.5} standard based on certified 2009–2011 air quality data.

**II. What actions is EPA taking?**

The resulting rulemaking is determined that the areas continue to maintain the 1997 annual PM\textsubscript{2.5} standard based on certified 2009–2011 air quality data.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective August 29, 2013.
II. What actions is EPA taking?

After reviewing Ohio’s redesignation requests, EPA has determined that the requests meet the criteria set forth in section 107(d)(3)(E) of the CAA. Therefore, EPA is approving the redesignation of the Ohio portion of the Parkersburg-Marietta area (Washington County) and the Ohio portion of the Wheeling area (Belmont County) to attainment for the 1990 annual PM$_{2.5}$ standard. EPA is also approving Ohio’s PM$_{2.5}$ maintenance plans for these areas as a revision to the Ohio SIP based on Ohio’s demonstration that the plan meets the requirements of section 175A of the CAA. In addition, EPA is approving the 2005 NO$_x$, SO$_2$, and PM$_{2.5}$ emission inventories and 2007/2008 ammonia and VOC emission inventories for Washington and Belmont Counties as meeting the requirement for emission inventories contained in section 172(c)(3) of the CAA. EPA also finds the state’s 2022 NO$_x$ and PM$_{2.5}$ MVEBs for Washington and Belmont Counties to be insignificant for purposes of transportation conformity. Finally, EPA is determining that the entire Parkersburg-Marietta and Wheeling areas continue to attain the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ standard based on certified 2009–2011 air quality data.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(d), EPA finds there is good cause for these actions to become effective immediately upon publication. This is because a delayed effective date is unnecessary due to the nature of a redesignation to attainment, which relieves the area from certain CAA requirements that would otherwise apply to it. The immediate effective date for this action is authorized under both 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1), which provides that rulemaking actions may become effective less than 30 days after publication if the rule “grants or recognizes an exemption or relieves a restriction,” and section 553(d)(3) which allows an effective date less than 30 days after publication “as otherwise provided by the agency for good cause found and published with the rule.”

The purpose of the 30-day waiting period prescribed in section 553(d) is to give affected parties a reasonable time to adjust their behavior and prepare before the final rule takes effect. Today’s rule, however, does not create any new regulatory requirements such that affected parties would need time to prepare before the rule takes effect. Rather, today’s rule relieves the State of planning requirements for this 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. For these reasons, EPA finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) for these actions to become effective on the date of publication of these actions.

III. Statutory and and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, redesignation of an area to attainment and the accompanying approval of a maintenance plan under section 107(d)(3)(E) are actions that affect the status of a geographical area and do not impose any additional regulatory requirements on sources beyond those imposed by State law. A redesignation to attainment does not in and of itself create any new requirements, but rather results in the applicability of requirements contained in the CAA for areas that have been redesignated to attainment. Moreover, 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, these actions merely do not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by State law and the CAA. For that reason, these actions:

- Are not “significant regulatory actions” subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993);
- do not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.);
- are 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.);
- do 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);
- do not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);
- are not an economically significant regulatory action based on health or safety risks subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997);
- are not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);
- are 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,
- do 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 CAA, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by October 28, 2013. 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

40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen oxides, Particulate matter, Sulfur dioxide, Ammonia, Volatile organic compounds.

40 CFR Part 81

Air pollution control, Environmental protection, National parks, Wilderness areas.
Dated: August 12, 2013.

Susan Hedman, Regional Administrator, Region 5.

40 CFR parts 52 and 81 are amended as follows:

PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:
   Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.

2. Section 52.1880 is amended by adding paragraphs (p)(3), (p)(4), (q)(3) and (q)(4) to read as follows:

§52.1880 Control strategy: Particulate matter.

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(q) * * *

3. The Ohio portion of the Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH nonattainment area (Washington County), as submitted on February 29, 2012, and supplemented on April 30, 2013. The maintenance plan determines the insignificance of motor vehicle emissions budgets for Washington County.

4. The Ohio portion of the Wheeling, WV-OH nonattainment area (Belmont County), as submitted on April 16, 2012, and supplemented on April 30, 2013. The maintenance plan determines the insignificance of motor vehicle emissions budgets for Belmont County.

Authority:

42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

45 CFR Part 612

RIN 3145-AA56

Availability of Records and Information

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document sets forth revisions of the Foundation’s regulations under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The revisions implement the provision of the Open FOIA Act of 2009 which amended Exemption 3, update procedural provisions, and allow for multi-track processing of requests.

DATES: The final rule will be effective September 30, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: D. Matthew Powell, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, telephone 703–292–8060 or email mpowell@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 14, 2013 the National Science Foundation (NSF) published a proposed rule at 78 FR 28173 requesting public comment on proposed revisions to its existing FOIA regulations at 45 CFR part 612. No comments were received. Accordingly, NSF is revising its FOIA regulations by adopting the revisions as proposed. This revision of Part 612 implements the provision of the Open FOIA Act of 2009 which amends Exemption 3. It also updates and clarifies several procedural provisions concerning FOIA administration, reflects changes in case law, and includes revised current cost figures for calculating and charging fees. The duplication fee will be reduced. In addition, the Foundation will implement multi-track processing. Clarifications and procedural changes are found at §612.1(b) (General Provisions); §612.3(b) and (f) (Requirements for making requests); §612.3(a), (b), (c) and (d)(3) (Timing of responses to requests); §612.6(a) (Responses to requests); §612.7(a)(2), (3) and (5)(ii) (Exemptions); and §612.10(b)(3), and (c)(1) and (2) (Fees).

For purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601), the revised rule will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities; the rule addresses the procedures to be followed when submitting or responding to requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act. For purposes of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–4) the revised rule would not significantly or uniquely affect small