

addition may use hybrid or other contract types not provided for in the FAR.

7.1 Indefinite-Delivery Contracts

a. The USPTO is not required to make multiple awards for indefinite-quantity contracts under any circumstances, or where multiple awards are made, to use any specific procedures for placing task or delivery orders.

b. COs are encouraged, however, to consider the use of multiple awards when doing so would be in the best interest of the USPTO.

c. A solicitation contemplating multiple awards must address the procedures the USPTO will use for selecting between contractors when awarding task or delivery orders.

d. Where a specific procurement includes procedures for seeking task or delivery order proposals from multiple contractors, applying these procedures to individual requirements below the micropurchase threshold stated in PTAG Part 6.1.2 (a) will typically not be in the best interest of the USPTO.

7.2 Options

a. As a result of its exemptions described in Part 1 above, USPTO may renegotiate options contained in an existing contract without seeking further competition when it is in the best interest of the agency to do so (for example for the purpose of seeking a price reduction, adjusting quantities, and/or adjusting performance periods).

1. The USPTO will notify the vendor that it intends to renegotiate the option at the time that USPTO provides the notice required by FAR Part 17.207 (a) "Exercise of Options."

2. The CO will issue a bilateral modification when exercising a renegotiated option.

3. Any changes to option pricing would be made normally for the purpose of implementing a price reduction. The CO may only renegotiate an increase to the overall price of a pre-priced option when the price increase directly corresponds with either a higher quantity or longer period of performance than the option under negotiation.

b. As a result of its exemptions described in Part 1 above, USPTO may make award on the basis of unpriced options contained in an existing contract without seeking further competition. COs may consider using unpriced options as a performance incentive.

c. In addition to 7.2.a. and 7.2.b, COs retain their authority to unilaterally exercise options in accordance with the terms of the options.

Part 8—Bid Protests

The USPTO continues to be subject to the bid protest jurisdiction of the Government Accountability Office and of the Court of Federal Claims. The USPTO is also subject to Executive Order 12979 concerning protests to the agency. To see the procedures for considering such protests, please refer to www.uspto.gov and type "Agency Level Protests" in the search box.

Part 9—Printing

The USPTO is exempt from the requirement to use the Government Printing Office to meet its printing needs per 35 U.S.C. § 2(b)(4)(B). Accordingly, the USPTO intends to acquire printing by the most economic and efficient means available, which may in particular acquisitions include the Government Printing Office.

Part 10—Deviations

The USPTO has the option to implement the deviations granted by the Department of Commerce (DOC) when it is in the best interest of the agency to do so. To see a list of deviations granted by DOC, please refer to www.commerce.gov and type "Procurement Memoranda" in the search box.

Dated: September 30, 2013.

Teresa Stanek Rea,

Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R10-OAR-2013-0088: FRL-9901-34-Region 10]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Thurston County Second 10-Year PM₁₀ Limited Maintenance Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is approving a limited maintenance plan submitted by the State of Washington on July 1, 2013, for the Thurston County maintenance area (Thurston County) for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers (PM₁₀). The EPA is also approving both local and state

regulatory updates related to this maintenance plan.

DATES: This final rule is effective on November 4, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA-R10-OAR-2013-0088. All documents in the docket are listed on the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. Although listed in the index, some information may not be publicly available, i.e., Confidential Business Information or other information the disclosure of which is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at EPA Region 10, Office of Air, Waste, and Toxics, AWT-107, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. The EPA requests that you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to schedule your inspection. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Hunt at (206) 553-0256, hunt.jeff@epa.gov, or the above EPA, Region 10 address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document, wherever "we," "us," or "our" are used, it is intended to refer to the EPA.

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I. Background

An explanation of the Clean Air Act requirements and implementing regulations that are met by this State Implementation Plan (SIP), a detailed explanation of the revision, and the EPA's reasons for approving it were provided in the notice of proposed rulemaking published on August 5, 2013, and will not be restated here. See 78 FR 42480. The public comment period for this proposed rule ended on September 4, 2013. The EPA did not receive any comments on the proposal.

II. Final Action

The EPA is approving the second 10-year limited maintenance plan for Thurston County submitted by Washington State on July 1, 2013. Washington's submittal also included a request to approve state regulatory

updates to the original control measures included in Chapter 173–433 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) as well as corresponding local Olympic Region Clean Air Agency regulations. The EPA is approving these regulatory changes, as well as other minor corrections described in the EPA's proposed rule, because these changes strengthen the SIP.

III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, 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, the 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 the 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 it will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law. The SIP is not approved to apply in Indian country located in the State, except for non-trust land within the exterior boundaries of the Puyallup Indian Reservation, also known as the 1873 Survey Area. Under the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Settlement Act of 1989, 25 U.S.C. 1773, Congress explicitly provided state and local agencies in Washington authority over activities on non-trust lands within the 1873 Survey Area and the EPA is therefore approving this SIP on such lands.

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 December 2, 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 in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: September 12, 2013.

Dennis J. McLerran,

Regional Administrator, Region 10.

40 CFR part 52 is 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.*

Subpart WW—Washington

- 2. Section 52.2470 is amended:
 - a. In paragraph (c) Table 1—Washington Department of Ecology Regulations by:
 - i. Revising entries 173–433–030 through 173–433–120;
 - ii. Adding in numerical order entry 173–433–140;
 - iii. Revising entry 173–433–150; and
 - iv. Removing entries 173–433–170 and 173–433–200;
 - b. In paragraph (c) by adding a table at the end titled “TABLE 8—Olympic Region Clean Air Agency Regulations” with the entries 6.2.3, 6.2.6, 6.2.7, and 8.1.1 through 8.1.8;
 - c. In paragraph (e) by
 - i. Removing the existing table heading “State of Washington Nonregulatory Provisions and Quasi-Regulatory Measures” and replacing it with “Table 2—Attainment, Maintenance, and Other Plans” respectively;
 - ii. Adding a table after the introductory text titled “Table 1—Approved but not incorporated by reference statutes and regulations”; and
 - ii. Adding an entry in the newly designated Table 2—Attainment, Maintenance, and Other Plans with entry “Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) 2nd 10-year Limited Maintenance Plan” at the end of the section with the heading “Attainment and Maintenance Planning—Particulate Matter.”

The revised and added text reads as follows:

§ 52.2470 Identification of plan.

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TABLE 1—WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY REGULATIONS

State citation	Title/subject	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanations
*	*	*	*	*
Washington Administrative Code, Chapter 173-433—Solid Fuel Burning Device Standards				
173-433-030	Definitions	4/20/91	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	*
173-433-100	Emission Performance Standards.	3/6/93	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	*
173-433-110	Opacity Standards	3/6/93	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	*
173-433-120	Prohibited Fuel Types	4/20/91	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	*
173-433-140	Impaired Air Quality Criteria	4/20/91	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	*
173-433-150	Curtailment	4/20/91	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	*
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TABLE 8—OLYMPIC REGION CLEAN AIR AGENCY REGULATIONS

State citation	Title/subject	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanations
Rule 6.2 Outdoor Burning				
6.2.3	No Residential or Land Clearing Burning.	2/4/12	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	Only as it applies to the cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater.
6.2.6	Curtailment	3/18/11	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	
6.2.7	Recreational Burning	3/18/11	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	
Rule 8.1 Wood Heating				
8.1.1	Definitions	5/22/10	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	
8.1.2 (b) and (c)	General Emission Standards	5/22/10	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	
8.1.3	Prohibited Fuel Types	5/22/10	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	
8.1.4	Curtailment	5/22/10	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	
8.1.5	Exceptions	5/22/10	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	
8.1.7	Sale and Installation of Uncertified Woodstoves.	5/22/10	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	
8.1.8	Disposal of uncertified woodstoves.	5/22/10	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	

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TABLE 1—APPROVED BUT NOT INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

State citation	Title/subject	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanations
Washington Department of Ecology Regulations				
173-433-200	Regulatory Actions and Penalties.	10/18/90	1/15/93, 58 FR 4578.	
Olympic Region Clean Air Agency Regulations				
8.1.6	Penalties	5/22/10	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	

TABLE 2—ATTAINMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER PLANS

Name of SIP provision	Applicable geographic or non-attainment area	State submittal date	EPA approval date	Comments
*	*	*	*	*
Attainment and Maintenance Planning—Particulate Matter				
*	*	*	*	*
Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀) 2nd 10-year Limited Maintenance Plan.	Thurston County	7/1/13	10/3/13 [Insert page number where the document begins].	
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Part 412

[CMS-1599-IFC]

RIN 0938-AR53

Medicare Program; FY 2014 Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems; Changes to Certain Cost Reporting Procedures Related to Disproportionate Share Hospital Uncompensated Care Payments

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Interim final rule with comment period.

SUMMARY: In the fiscal year (FY) 2014 inpatient prospective payment systems (IPPS)/long-term care hospital (LTCH) PPS final rule, we established the methodology for determining the amount of uncompensated care payments made to hospitals eligible for the disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payment adjustment in FY 2014

and a process for making interim and final payments. This interim final rule with comment period revises certain operational considerations for hospitals with Medicare cost reporting periods that span more than one Federal fiscal year and also makes changes to the data that will be used in the uncompensated care payment calculation in order to ensure that data from Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals are included in Factor 1 and Factor 3 of that calculation.

DATES: *Effective date:* These regulations are effective on October 1, 2013.

Comment date: To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on November 29, 2013.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-1599-IFC. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission.

You may submit comments in one of four ways (please choose only one of the ways listed).

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the "Submit a comment" instructions.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-1599-IFC, P.O. Box 8013, Baltimore, MD 21244-8013.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. *By express or overnight mail.* You may send written comments to the following address ONLY:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-1599-IFC, Mail Stop C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

4. *By hand or courier.* Alternatively, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments ONLY to the following addresses prior to the close of the comment period:

a. For delivery in Washington, DC—Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 445-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

(Because access to the interior of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building is not readily available to persons without Federal government identification, commenters are encouraged to leave