

based upon the proposed rulemaking action, also published on August 16, 2017. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

**DATES:** The direct final rule published at 82 FR 38838, on August 16, 2017, is withdrawn, effective October 13, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 16, 2017 (82 FR 38838), EPA published a direct final rule approving portions of a SIP revision submitted by the State of North Carolina through the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (now the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality) to clarify the applicability of the State's transportation conformity rules. EPA took a direct final action to approve changes to regulation 15A NCAC Subchapter 2D, section .2001, purpose, scope and applicability related to North Carolina's transportation conformity provisions.

In the direct final rule, EPA explained that the Agency was publishing the rule without prior proposal because the Agency viewed the submittal as a non-controversial SIP amendment and anticipated no adverse comments. Further, EPA explained that the Agency was publishing a separate document in the proposed rules section of the **Federal Register** to serve as the proposal to approve the SIP revision should an adverse comment be filed. EPA also noted that the rule would be effective generally 30 days after the close of the public comment period, without further notice unless the Agency received adverse comment by the close of the public comment period. EPA explained that if the Agency received such comments, then EPA would publish a document withdrawing the final rule and informing the public that the rule would not take effect. It was also explained that all public comments received would then be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule, and that EPA would not institute a second comment period on this action.

EPA received one adverse comment from a single Commenter on the aforementioned rule. As a result of the comment received, EPA is withdrawing

the direct final rule approving the aforementioned changes to the North Carolina SIP. EPA will address the comment in a separate final action based on the proposed action also published on August 16, 2017 (82 FR 38864). EPA will not open a second comment period for this action.

**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 29, 2017.

**Onis "Trey" Glenn, III,**  
*Regional Administrator, Region 4.*

**PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**

■ Accordingly, the amendment to 40 CFR 52.1770(c) published on August 16, 2017 (82 FR 38838), is withdrawn effective October 13, 2017.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 52**

**[EPA-R01-OAR-2017-0150; FRL-9969-54-Region 1]**

**Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Nonattainment New Source Review Permit Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Due to the receipt of an adverse comment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the August 14, 2017, direct final rule approving a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Connecticut. The revision addresses the nonattainment new source review (NNSR) requirements for the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). This action is being taken in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

**DATES:** The direct final rule published on August 14, 2017 (82 FR 37819), is withdrawn effective October 13, 2017.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the direct final rule, EPA stated that if adverse comments were submitted by September 13, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA received an adverse comment prior to the close of the comment period and, therefore, is withdrawing the direct final rule. EPA will address the comment in a subsequent final action based upon the proposed rule also published on August 14, 2017 (82 FR 37829). EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

**List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52**

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: September 27, 2017.

**Deborah A. Szaro,**  
*Acting Regional Administrator, EPA New England.*

**PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**

■ Accordingly, the amendments to 40 CFR 52.377 published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2017 (82 FR 37819), on page 37822 are withdrawn effective October 13, 2017.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 52**

**[EPA-R01-OAR-2016-0626; A-1-FRL-9969-56-Region 1]**

**Air Plan Approval; Vermont; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Due to the receipt of an adverse comment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the August 16, 2017, direct final rule approving a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Vermont. Vermont's SIP revision addresses requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and EPA's rules that require states to submit periodic reports

describing the progress toward reasonable progress goals (RPGs) established for regional haze and a determination of adequacy of the State's existing regional haze SIP. This action is being taken in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

**DATES:** The direct final rule published on August 16, 2017 (82 FR 38834), is withdrawn effective October 13, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anne K. McWilliams, Air Quality Planning Unit, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New England Regional Office, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, (Mail code OEP05-2), Boston, MA 02109-3912, telephone (617) 918-1697, facsimile (617) 918-0697, email [mcwilliams.anne@epa.gov](mailto:mcwilliams.anne@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the direct final rule, EPA stated that if adverse comments were submitted by September 15, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA received an adverse comment prior to the close of the comment period and, therefore, is withdrawing the direct final rule. EPA will address the comment in a subsequent final action based upon the proposed rule also published on August 16, 2017 (82 FR 38864). EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

Dated: September 27, 2017.

**Deborah A. Szaro,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, EPA New England.*

## PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

■ Accordingly, the amendments to 40 CFR 52.2370 published in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 2017 (82 FR 38834), on page 38838 are withdrawn effective October 13, 2017.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R04-OAR-2017-0436; FRL-9969-36-Region 4]

### Air Plan Approval; AL; VOC Definitions and Particulate Emissions

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to approve changes to the Alabama State

Implementation Plan (SIP) to revise the definition of “volatile organic compounds” (VOCs), correct a typographical error, and remove control of particulate emissions and opacity limits for Talladega County. EPA is approving the SIP revisions submitted by the State of Alabama, through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), on May 19, 2017. This action is being taken pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act).

**DATES:** This rule is effective November 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA-R04-OAR-2017-0436. All documents in the docket are listed on the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, Confidential Business Information or other information whose disclosure 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 [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the Air Regulatory Management Section, Air Planning and Implementation Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. EPA requests that if at all possible, 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:** Richard Wong, Air Regulatory Management Section, Air Planning and Implementation Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. The telephone number is (404) 562-8726. Mr. Wong can be reached via electronic mail at [wong.richard@epa.gov](mailto:wong.richard@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. What action is the Agency taking?

In this rulemaking, EPA is approving changes to the Alabama SIP, submitted by the State on May 19, 2017. The submission revises ADEM Rule 335-3-1-.02—*Definitions* and Rule 335-3-4-.08—*Wood Waste Boilers*. Specifically, this rulemaking revises the definition of VOCs, corrects a typographical error and

removes particulate emission and opacity limits for Talladega County.

## II. Background

On August 16, 2017 (82 FR 38865), EPA proposed to approve the aforementioned changes, among others, to the SIP. This proposed rule accompanied a direct final rule published on the same day in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 38841). EPA received an adverse comment on the direct final rulemaking only on the changes made to Rule 335-3-1-.02 and Rule 335-3-4-.08. Accordingly, EPA is withdrawing the direct final action through a separate action published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** and is taking final action on the changes to Rule 335-3-1-.02 and Rule 335-3-4-.08 in this final rule.

### A. Rule 335-3-1-.02—*Definitions*

On November 29, 2004, and August 1, 2016, EPA issued final rules revising the definition of VOCs by adding new compounds (tertiary butyl acetate (or t-Butyl acetate) and 1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxyl) ethane) to the list of those that are considered to be negligibly reactive compounds, and on February 25, 2016 (81 FR 9339), EPA issued a final rule removing recordkeeping, emissions reporting, photochemical dispersion modeling, and inventory requirements for t-Butyl acetate. The State's May 19, 2017, SIP revision adds these compounds to the list of negligibly reactive compounds under ADEM Rule 335-3-1-.02 subpart (gggg). The SIP revision also removes the recordkeeping, emissions reporting, photochemical dispersion modeling, and inventory requirements requirement for t-Butyl acetate. Additionally, the submittal makes a typographical correction under subpart (gggg)(iii). EPA proposes to approve these revisions because they are consistent with the definition of VOC at 40 CFR 51.100(s).

The State's addition of exemptions from the definition of VOCs and removal of recordkeeping, emissions reporting, photochemical dispersion modeling, and inventory requirements for t-butyl acetate are approvable under section 110(l) because they reflect changes to Federal regulations based on findings that the exempted compounds are negligibly reactive. The typographical error correction makes ministerial changes for consistency.

### B. Rule 335-3-4-.08—*Wood Waste Boilers*

Rule 335-3-4-.08—*Wood Waste Boilers* was adopted into the Alabama SIP on April 23, 1974 (39 FR 14338), to provide emission limits based on