ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Elements of the Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS); Withdrawal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to an adverse comment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the direct final rule for Approval of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Elements of the Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) published in the Federal Register on September 29, 2017. Infrastructure SIPs address the applicable requirements of Clean Air Act (CAA) section 110, which requires that each state adopt and submit a SIP for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of each new or revised NAAQS promulgated by the EPA. These SIPs are commonly referred to as “infrastructure” SIPs. The infrastructure requirements are designed to ensure that the structural components of each state’s air quality management program are adequate to meet the state’s responsibilities under the CAA.

DATES: As of November 17, 2017, the direct final rule published on September 29, 2017 (82 FR 45497), is withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Hamilton Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219 at 913–551–7039, or by email at hamilton.heather@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to an adverse comment, EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule to approve revisions to the Iowa State Implementation Plan (SIP). In the direct final rule published on September 29, 2017, (82 FR 45497), we stated that if we received adverse comment by October 30, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA received an adverse comment. EPA will address the comment in a subsequent final action based upon the proposed action also published on September 29, 2017 (82 FR 45550). 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, sulfur dioxide, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: November 8, 2017.

Cathy Stepp, Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.

PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Accordingly, the direct final rule amending 40 CFR 52.820 published in the Federal Register on September 29, 2017 (82 FR 45497), is withdrawn.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval of Kansas Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Construction Permits and Approvals Program; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to an adverse comment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the direct final rule for Approval of Kansas Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Construction Permits and Approvals Program published in the Federal Register on September 21, 2017. Kansas’s SIP revisions included revisions to Kansas’ construction permit rules. Specifically, these revisions implemented the revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for fine particulate matter; clarified and refined applicable criteria for sources subject to the construction permitting program; updated the construction permitting program fee structure and schedule; and made minor revisions and corrections.

DATES: As of November 17, 2017, the direct final rule published at 82 FR 44103, on September 21, 2017, is withdrawn.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to adverse comments, EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule to approve revisions to the Kansas State Implementation Plan (SIP). In the direct final rule published on September 21, 2017 (82 FR 44103), we stated that if we received adverse comment by October 23, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA received adverse comments. EPA will address the comments in a subsequent action.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: November 8, 2017.

Cathy Stepp, Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.

PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Accordingly, the amendment to 40 CFR 52.870 published in the Federal Register on September 21, 2017 (82 FR 44103), on page 44105 is withdrawn.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Direct Final Rule for the Approval of an Alternative Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standard; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to adverse comments received, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the August 28, 2017 direct final rule that approved a revision to the Maryland state implementation plan (SIP) to incorporate by reference a Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) order that establishes an alternative volatile organic compound (VOC) emission standard for National Gypsum