

entries ‘Infrastructure Requirements—2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS’ and ‘Infrastructure Requirements—1997, 2006, and 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS’ after entry ‘Infrastructure Requirements—2010 SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS’”.

In FR Doc. 2018–25681, published November 27, 2018 (83 FR 60769), make the following correction:

#### § 52.70 [Corrected]

■ 1. On page 60773, in the right column, in the amendatory instruction for § 52.70, amendatory instruction 2.b. is corrected to read “Adding entries ‘Infrastructure Requirements—2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS’ and ‘Infrastructure Requirements—1997, 2006, and 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS’ after entry ‘Infrastructure Requirements—2010 SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS’”.

Dated: December 13, 2018.

Chris Hladick,

Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 81

[EPA–R05–OAR–2018–0368; EPA–R05–OAR–2018–0556; FRL–9988–38–Region 5]

### Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Indiana; Revised Designation of Illinois and Indiana 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Unclassifiable Areas

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving Illinois’ May 8, 2018 request to revise the designation for the entire State of Illinois from unclassifiable to unclassifiable/attainment and Indiana’s July 3, 2018 request to revise the designation for the Indiana portions of the Chicago IL–IN and Louisville KY–IN areas from unclassifiable to unclassifiable/attainment for the 2012 primary and secondary annual fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). EPA is approving these requests because valid, quality-assured, and certified ambient air monitoring data show that the PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors in the areas are meeting the 2012 primary and secondary annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective on January 28, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–R05–OAR–2018–0368

(Illinois) or EPA–R05–OAR–2018–0556 (Indiana). All documents in the docket are listed on the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, Confidential Business Information (CBI) 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 through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or 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 Michelle Becker, Life Scientist, at (312) 886–3901 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. Background
- II. What action is EPA taking?
- III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

#### I. Background

On December 14, 2012, EPA revised the primary annual NAAQS for PM<sub>2.5</sub> to a level of 12 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m<sup>3</sup>), based on a 3-year average of annual mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations. See 78 FR 3085 (January 15, 2013). EPA established the standard based on significant evidence and numerous health studies demonstrating that serious health effects are associated with exposures to particulate matter.

The process for designating areas following promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS is contained in section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). On January 15, 2015 (80 FR 2206) and April 7, 2015 (80 FR 18535), EPA designated areas across the country as nonattainment, unclassifiable, or unclassifiable/attainment for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS based upon air quality monitoring data from monitors for calendar years 2011–2013 or 2012–2014.

In the first action, EPA designated the entire State of Illinois, including the

multi-State areas of Chicago, IL–IN and St. Louis, MO–IL as unclassifiable because the ambient air quality monitoring sites lacked complete data for the relevant periods, which were from 2011–2013. Therefore, EPA could not determine, based on available information, whether those areas were meeting the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. EPA also designated the Louisville, KY–IN area as nonattainment, based on monitoring data for Indiana counties Clark and Floyd for 2011–2013 showing that a monitor in Clark County had a design value above the standard.

However, in the April 7, 2015 (80 FR 18535) action, EPA changed the designation for Louisville, KY–IN area from nonattainment to unclassifiable due to invalid monitoring data for Jefferson County, Kentucky.

On May 8, 2018, Illinois submitted a request to revise the designation for the entire State of Illinois from unclassifiable to unclassifiable/attainment and on July 3, 2018 Indiana submitted a request to revise the designation for the Indiana portions of the Chicago IL–IN and Louisville KY–IN areas from unclassifiable to unclassifiable/attainment for the 2012 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

In a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published on October 9, 2018 (83 FR 50556), EPA proposed to approve Illinois’ request to revise the entire State of Illinois from unclassifiable to unclassifiable/attainment, and Indiana’s request to similarly revise the designation for the Indiana portions of the Chicago IL–IN and Louisville KY–IN, for the 2012 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. The details of Illinois’ and Indiana’s submittals and the rationale for EPA’s actions are further explained in the NPRM. EPA did not receive any adverse comments on the proposed action.

#### II. What action is EPA taking?

EPA is approving Illinois’ May 8, 2018 request to revise the designation of the entire State from unclassifiable to unclassifiable/attainment as well as Indiana’s July 3, 2018 request to similarly revise the designation of the Indiana portions of the Louisville and Chicago areas for the 2012 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. The revised designations change the legal designation, found at 40 CFR part 81, for the Illinois and Indiana counties of Lake, Porter, Clark, and Floyd from unclassifiable to unclassifiable/attainment for the 2012 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

#### 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 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 Orders 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993) and 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011);
- Is not an Executive Order 13771 (82 FR 9339, February 2, 2017) regulatory action because SIP approvals are exempted under Executive Order 12866;
- 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 Clean Air Act; 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, the SIP is not approved to apply on any Indian reservation land or in any other area where EPA or an Indian tribe has demonstrated that a tribe has jurisdiction. In those areas of Indian country, the rule does not have tribal implications and will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000).

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 February 25, 2019. 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 81**

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Particulate matter.

Dated: December 12, 2018.

**Cathy Stepp**,  
Regional Administrator, Region 5.

40 CFR part 81 is amended as follows:

**PART 81—DESIGNATION OF AREAS FOR AIR QUALITY PLANNING PURPOSES**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 81 continues to read as follows:

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

■ 2. Section 81.314 is amended by removing the table entitled "Illinois—2012 24-Hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS" and adding the table entitled "Illinois—2012 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS" in its place to read as follows:

**§ 81.314 Illinois.**  
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**ILLINOIS—2012 ANNUAL PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS**  
[Primary]

Designated area <sup>1</sup>	Designation		Classification	
	Date <sup>2</sup>	Type	Date <sup>2</sup>	Type
<b>Chicago, IL-IN:</b>				
Cook County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
DuPage County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Grundy County (part) .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Goose Lake and Aux Sable Townships .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Kane County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Kendall County (part) .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Oswego Township .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Lake County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
McHenry County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Will County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
<b>Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IL:</b>				
Rock Island County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Henry County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		

ILLINOIS—2012 ANNUAL PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS—Continued  
[Primary]

Designated area <sup>1</sup>	Designation		Classification	
	Date <sup>2</sup>	Type	Date <sup>2</sup>	Type
Mercer County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
<b>St. Louis, MO-IL:</b>				
Madison County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Monroe County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Randolph County (part) .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Baldwin Village .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
St. Clair County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
<b>Rest of State:</b>				
Adams County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Alexander County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Bond County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Boone County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Brown County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Bureau County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Calhoun County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Carroll County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Cass County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Champaign County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Christian County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Clark County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Clay County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Clinton County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Coles County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Crawford County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Cumberland County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
DeKalb County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
De Witt County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Douglas County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Edgar County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Edwards County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Effingham County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Fayette County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Ford County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Franklin County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Fulton County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Gallatin County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Greene County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Grundy County (remainder) .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Hamilton County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Hancock County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Hardin County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Henderson County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Iroquois County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Jackson County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Jasper County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Jefferson County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Jersey County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Jo Daviess County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Johnson County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Kankakee County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Kendall County (remainder) .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Knox County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
La Salle County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Lawrence County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Lee County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Livingston County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Logan County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
McDonough County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
McLean County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Macon County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Macoupin County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Marion County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Marshall County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Mason County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Massac County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		

ILLINOIS—2012 ANNUAL PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS—Continued  
[Primary]

Designated area <sup>1</sup>	Designation		Classification	
	Date <sup>2</sup>	Type	Date <sup>2</sup>	Type
Menard County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Montgomery County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Morgan County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Moultrie County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Ogle County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Peoria County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Perry County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Piatt County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Pike County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Pope County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Pulaski County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Putnam County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Randolph County (remainder) .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Richland County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Saline County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Sangamon County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Schuyler County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Scott County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Shelby County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Stark County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Stephenson County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Tazewell County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Union County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Vermilion County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Wabash County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Warren County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Washington County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Wayne County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
White County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Whiteside County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Williamson County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Winnebago County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		
Woodford County .....		Unclassifiable/Attainment.		

<sup>1</sup> Includes Indian Country located in each county or area, except as otherwise specified.  
<sup>2</sup> This date is January 28, 2019, unless otherwise noted.

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■ 3. Section 81.315 is amended by revising the entries “Louisville, KY–

IN:” and “Chicago Area, IL–IN:” in the table entitled “Indiana—2012 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS” to read as follows:

§ 81.315 Indiana.  
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INDIANA—2012 ANNUAL PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS  
[Primary]

Designated area <sup>1</sup>	Designation		Classification	
	Date <sup>2</sup>	Type	Date <sup>2</sup>	Type
<b>Louisville, KY–IN:</b>				
Clark County .....	1/28/2018	Unclassifiable/Attainment..		
Floyd County .....	1/28/2018	Unclassifiable/Attainment..		
<b>Chicago Area, IL–IN:</b>				
Lake County .....	1/28/2018	Unclassifiable/Attainment..		
Porter County .....	1/28/2018	Unclassifiable/Attainment..		

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<sup>1</sup> Includes areas of Indian country located in each county or area, except as otherwise specified.  
<sup>2</sup> This date is April 15, 2015, unless otherwise noted.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73****[MB Docket No. 18-320; RM-11817; DA 18-1242]****Digital Television Broadcast Stations (Morehead and Richmond, Kentucky)****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** At the request of ION Media Lexington License, Inc. (ION), licensee of television station WUPX-TV, channel 21, Morehead, Kentucky (WUPX), the Commission amends the DTV Table of Allotments to reallocate channel 21 from Morehead, Kentucky, to Richmond, Kentucky.

**DATES:** Effective December 27, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Darren Fernandez, Media Bureau, at [Darren.Fernandez@fcc.gov](mailto:Darren.Fernandez@fcc.gov); or Joyce Bernstein, Media Bureau, at [Joyce.Bernstein@fcc.gov](mailto:Joyce.Bernstein@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the *Report and Order* in MB Docket No. 18-320; RM-11817; DA 18-1242, adopted December 11, 2018, and released December 11, 2018. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center at Portals II, CY-A257, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554, or online at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, computer diskettes, or audio recordings), please send an email to [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Government Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (VOICE), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

This document does not contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any proposed information collection burden "for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees," pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4). Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, do not apply to this proceeding.

The Commission will send a copy of this *Report and Order* in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government

Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73**

Television.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Thomas Horan,***Chief of Staff, Media Bureau.***Final Rule**

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

**PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES**

- 1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

**§ 73.622 [Amended]**

- 2. Amend § 73.622(i), the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments under Kentucky, by removing Morehead, channel 21, and adding, in alphabetical order, Richmond, channel 21.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 622****[Docket No. 140819687-5583-02]****RIN 0648-XG697****2018-2019 Commercial Trip Limit Reduction for Spanish Mackerel in the Atlantic Southern Zone**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Temporary rule; trip limit reduction.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS reduces the commercial trip limit of Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel in or from the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the Atlantic southern zone to 1,500 lb (680 kg), in round or gutted weight, per day. This commercial trip limit reduction is necessary to maximize the socioeconomic benefits of the fishery.

**DATES:** This temporary rule is effective from 6 a.m., local time, on December 26, 2018, until 12:01 a.m., local time, on March 1, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary Vara, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, telephone: 727-824-5305, or email: [mary.vara@noaa.gov](mailto:mary.vara@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The fishery for coastal migratory pelagic fish includes king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia, and is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils and is implemented by NMFS under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622. All weights for the Atlantic migratory group of Spanish mackerel (Atlantic Spanish mackerel) described apply as either round or gutted weight, and the fishing year is March through the end of February.

Framework Amendment 1 to the FMP (79 FR 69058, November 20, 2014) implemented a commercial annual catch limit (equal to the commercial quota) of 3.33 million lb (1.51 million kg) for Atlantic Spanish mackerel. Atlantic Spanish mackerel are divided into a northern and southern zone for management purposes. The southern zone consists of Federal waters off South Carolina, Georgia, and the east coast of Florida. The southern zone boundaries for Atlantic Spanish mackerel extend from the border of North Carolina and South Carolina (which is a line extending southeast in a direction of 135°34'55" from true north beginning at 33°51'07.9" N lat. and 78°32'32.6" W long. to the intersection point with the outward boundary of the EEZ) to the border of Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, Florida (at 25°20'24" N lat.). Framework Amendment 2 to the FMP (80 FR 40936, July 14, 2015) revised the commercial trip limits for Atlantic Spanish mackerel in the southern zone to streamline the commercial trip limit system and increase the social and economic benefits of the fishery.

The southern zone commercial quota for Atlantic Spanish mackerel is 2,667,330 lb (1,209,881 kg). Seasonally variable trip limits are based on an adjusted commercial quota of 2,417,330 lb (1,096,482 kg). The adjusted commercial quota is calculated to allow continued harvest in the southern zone at a set rate for the remainder of the current fishing year, through February 28, 2019, in accordance with 50 CFR 622.385(b)(2).