I. Why is EPA using a direct final rule?

EPA is publishing this rule without a prior proposed rule because we view this as a noncontroversial action and anticipate no adverse comment. EPA believes this to be the case because the direct final rule corrects an error in the regulations and the corrections will allow the program to be implemented as originally intended, consistent with the original final rule. However, in the “Proposed Rules” section of this issue of the Federal Register, we are publishing a separate document that will serve as the proposed rule to correct the regulations if adverse comments are received on this direct final rule. We will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time. For further information about commenting on this rule, see the ADDRESSES section of this document.

If EPA receives adverse comment, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the Federal Register informing the public that this direct final rule will not take effect. If we receive adverse comment on a distinct provision of this rulemaking, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the Federal Register indicating which provisions we are withdrawing. The provisions that are not withdrawn will become effective on the date set out above, notwithstanding adverse
comment on any other provision. We would address all public comments in any subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule.

II. Does this action apply to me?

This action affects companies that manufacture or sell passenger automobiles (passenger cars) and non-passenger automobiles (light trucks) as defined under NHTSA’s CAFE regulations.\(^1\) Regulated categories and entities include:

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\(^1\) North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

This list is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide regarding entities likely to be regulated by this action. To determine whether particular activities may be regulated by this action, you should carefully examine the regulations. You may direct questions regarding the applicability of this action to the person listed in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

III. Public Participation

EPA will keep the record open until October 15, 2020. All information will be available for inspection at the EPA Air Docket No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2020–0314, at https://www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), or the other methods identified in the ADDRESSES section. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket.

We encourage the public to submit comments via https://www.regulations.gov as there may be a delay in processing mail and faxes. Hand deliveries or couriers will be received by scheduled appointment only. For further information and updates on EPA Docket Center services, please visit us online at https://www.epa.gov/dockets. The EPA continues to carefully and continuously monitor information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local area health departments, and federal partners so that we can respond rapidly as conditions change regarding COVID–19.

IV. Direct Final Rule Provisions

This direct final rule corrects a technical error in EPA regulations pertaining to the treatment of model year (MY) 2020 and later E85 flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs) in the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) program. These provisions were established in the 2012 final rule ‘‘2012 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards,’’ where EPA adopted new test procedures for weighting the measured fuel economy of MY 2020 and later FFVs when the vehicles are tested on both E85 and gasoline test fuels.\(^2\) EPA established the procedures under the general provisions of Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) which authorize EPA to establish test and calculation procedures for CAFE.\(^3\)

49 U.S.C. 32905 specifies how the fuel economy of dual fuel vehicles is to be calculated for the purposes of CAFE through the 2019 model year. The basic calculation includes a 50/50 harmonic average weighting of the fuel economy for the alternative fuel and the conventional fuel, irrespective of the actual usage of each fuel. In a related provision, 49 U.S.C. 32906, the amount by which a manufacturer’s CAFE value (for domestic passenger cars, import passenger cars, or light-duty trucks) can be improved by the statutory incentive for dual fuel vehicles is limited by EPA to 1.2 mpg through 2014, and then gradually reduced until it is phased out entirely starting in model year 2020.\(^4\)

Recognizing the expiration of the special calculation procedures in 49 U.S.C. 32905 for dual fuel vehicles, EPA established in the 2012 rule, calculation procedures for model years 2020 and later FFVs under the general provisions of EPCA noted above authorizing EPA to establish CAFE testing and calculation procedures. EPA regulations at 40 CFR 600.510–12(c)(2)(v) specify weighting the fuel economy measured when an FFV is tested on E85 and gasoline test fuel using the same weighting factor as is used in the greenhouse gas program for weighting CO\(_2\) emissions measured on the two fuels.\(^5\) As part of the 2012 rule, NHTSA modified its regulations at Part 536.10 to limit the applicability of the EPCA limits to MYs 2019 and earlier and to state that for MYs 2020 and beyond a manufacturer must calculate the fuel economy of dual-fuel vehicles in accordance with EPA’s regulations at 40 CFR 600.510–12(c)(2)(v).

The preamble for the 2012 rule summarized EPA’s approach for MY 2020 and later as follow: ‘‘EPA is finalizing its proposal, under its EPCA authority, to use the ‘utility factor’ methodology for PHEV and CNG vehicles described above to determine how to apportion the fuel economy when operating on gasoline or diesel fuel and the fuel economy when operating on the alternative fuel. For FFVs under the CAFE program, EPA is using the same methodology it uses for the GHG program to apportion the fuel economy, namely based on actual usage of E85. As proposed, EPA is continuing to use Petroleum Equivalency Factors and the 0.15 divisor used in the MY 2012–2016 rule for the alternative fuels, however with no cap on the amount of fuel economy increase allowed.’’\(^6\)

EPA noted in the 2012 preamble ‘‘[i]n a related provision, 49 U.S.C. 32906, the amount by which a manufacturer’s CAFE value (for domestic passenger cars, import passenger cars, or light-duty trucks) can be improved by the statutory incentive for dual fuel vehicles is limited by EPA to 1.2 mpg through 2014, and then gradually reduced until it is phased out entirely starting in model year 2020. With the expiration of the special calculation procedures in 49

\(^3\) See 77 FR 62830 and 63127, October 15, 2012.
\(^4\) 49 U.S.C. 32904(a), (c).
\(^5\) 77 FR 62653.
\(^6\) 49 U.S.C. 32906.
\(^7\) This weighting factor is commonly referred to as the ‘‘F-factor.’’ The F-factor is a value specified by EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 600.510–12(k) based on EPA’s assessment of the real-world use of E85 over the life of the FFVs.
U.S.C. 32905 for dual fueled vehicles, the CAFE calculation procedures for model years 2020 and later vehicles need to be set under the general provisions authorizing EPA to establish testing and calculation procedures."

The 2012 rule preamble also notes "NHTSA interprets section 32906(a) as not limiting the impact of dual fueled vehicles on CAFE calculations after MY2019." * The 2012 rule preamble states "we interpret Congress' statement in section 32906(a)(7) that the maximum increase in fuel economy attributable to dual-fueled automobiles is '0 miles per gallon for model years after 2019' within the context of the introductory language of section 32906(a) and the language of section 32906(b), which, again, refers clearly to the statutory credit, and not to dual-fueled automobiles generally. It would be an unreasonable result if the phaseout of the credit meant that manufacturers would be effectively penalized, in CAFE compliance, for building dual-fueled automobiles . . . ." EPA believes all of these statements from the 2012 final rule make clear EPA's intent not to apply the 49 U.S.C. 32906 credit limits to CAFE calculations for model year 2020 and later vehicles.

A discrepancy in EPA’s regulations exists in section 40 CFR 600.510–12(h), where prior to the 2012 rule, EPA codified the EPICA limits in EPA’s regulations. These regulations specify that the impact of certain dual-fuel vehicles on a manufacturer’s fleet CAFE calculations is limited to 0.0 for MY 2020 and later. EPA inadvertently did not revise the regulations at 40 CFR 600.510–12(h) to account for the 2012 rule’s treatment of MY 2020 and later FFVs. The existing 40 CFR 600.510–12(h) provisions may be read as applying the EPICA limits to MY 2020 and later FFVs, inconsistent with the clear intent of the 2012 rule. This direct final rule corrects this error by making narrow revisions to this section of the regulations to clarify that the limits do not apply to MY 2020 and later FFVs, where the emissions of those vehicle are calculated in accordance with 40 CFR 600.510–12(c)(2)(v), consistent with the intent of the 2012 final rule.

V. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Additional information about these statutes and Executive Orders can be found at http://www2.epa.gov/laws-regulations/laws-and-executive-orders.

A. Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review and Executive Order 13563: Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review

This action is not a significant regulatory action and was therefore not submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

B. Executive Order 13771: Reducing Regulations and Controlling Regulatory Costs

This action is not an Executive Order 13771 regulatory action because this action is not significant under Executive Order 12866.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

This action does not impose any new information collection burden under the PRA, since it merely clarifies and corrects existing regulatory language. OMB has previously approved the information collection activities contained in the existing regulations and has assigned OMB control number of 2060–0104.

D. Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA)

I certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the RFA. In making this determination, the impact of concern is any significant adverse economic impact on small entities. An agency may certify that a rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities if the rule relieves regulatory burden, has no net burden or otherwise has a positive economic effect on the small entities subject to the rule. This rule merely clarifies and corrects existing regulatory language. We therefore anticipate no costs and therefore no regulatory burden associated with this rule.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA)

This action does not contain any unfunded mandate as described in UMRA, 2 U.S.C. 1531–1538, and does not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. The action imposes no enforceable duty on any state, local or tribal governments. Requirements for the private sector do not exceed $100 million in any one year.

F. Executive Order 13132: Federalism

This action does not have federalism implications. It will not have substantial direct effects on the states, on the relationship between the national government and the states, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

G. Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

This action does not have tribal implications as specified in Executive Order 13175. This rule only corrects and clarifies regulatory provisions that apply to light-duty vehicle manufacturers. Tribal governments would be affected only to the extent they purchase and use regulated vehicles. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this action.

H. Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks

This action is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it is not economically significant as defined in Executive Order 12866, and because the EPA does not believe the environmental health or safety risks addressed by this action present a disproportionate risk to children. This direct final rule merely corrects and clarifies previously established regulatory provisions.

I. Executive Order 13211: Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution or Use

This action is not subject to Executive Order 13211, because it is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866.

J. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA)

Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 ("NTTAA"), Public Law 104–113, 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs EPA to use voluntary consensus standards in its regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, and business practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies. NTTAA directs agencies to provide Congress, through OMB, explanations when the Agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards.

This action modifies existing regulations to correct an error in the regulations and therefore involves technical standards previously established by EPA. The amendments to the regulations do not involve the application of new technical standards. EPA is continuing to use the technical
standards previously established in its rules regarding the light-duty vehicle
GHG standards for MYs 2017–2025. See
77 FR 62960 and 85 FR 25265.
K. Executive Order 12898: Federal
Actions To Address Environmental
Justice in Minority Populations and
Low-Income Populations
The EPA believes that this action does not have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations, low-income populations and/or indigenous peoples, as specified in Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994). This regulatory action merely corrects previously established provisions that auto manufacturers use to demonstrate compliance for light-duty vehicles.
L. Congressional Review Act (CRA)
This action is subject to the CRA, and the EPA will submit a rule report to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 600
Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Electric power, Fuel economy, Labeling, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Andrew Wheeler, Administrator.
For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Environmental Protection Agency is amending part 600 of title 40, Chapter I of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 600—FUEL ECONOMY AND GREENHOUSE GAS EXHAUST EMISSIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

1. The authority citation for part 600 continues to read as follows:


Subpart F—Procedures for Determining Manufacturer’s Average Fuel Economy and Manufacturer’s Average Carbon-Related Exhaust Emissions

2. Section 600.510–12 is amended by revising paragraphs (h) introductory text and (h)(1) to read as follows:

§ 600.510–12 Calculation of average fuel economy and average carbon-related exhaust emissions.

(h) The increase in average fuel economy determined in paragraph (c) of this section attributable to dual fueled automobiles is subject to a maximum value through model year 2019 that applies separately to each category of automobile specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section. The increase in average fuel economy attributable to vehicles fueled by electricity or, for model years 2016 and later, by compressed natural gas, is not subject to a maximum value. The increase in average fuel economy attributable to alcohol dual fuel model types calculated under paragraph (c)(2)(v) of this section is also not subject to a maximum value. The following maximum values apply under this paragraph (h):

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(1) The Administrator shall calculate the increase in average fuel economy to determine if the maximum increase provided in this paragraph (h) has been reached. The Administrator shall calculate the increase in average fuel economy for each category of automobiles specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section by subtracting the average fuel economy values calculated in accordance with this section, assuming all alcohol dual fueled automobiles subject to the provisions of paragraph (c)(2)(v) of this section are operated exclusively on gasoline (or diesel fuel), from the average fuel economy values determined in paragraph (c) of this section. The difference is limited to the maximum increase specified in this paragraph (h).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
42 CFR Part 418

RIN–0938–AS39
Medicare Program; FY 2016 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements; Correcting Amendment

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

ACTION: Final rule; correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: In the August 6, 2015 issue of the Federal Register, we published a final rule that provided hospice quality reporting program updates, including finalizing the proposal to codify the Hospice Quality Reporting Program Submission Extension and Exemption Requirements. The effective date of the final rule was October 1, 2015. This correcting amendment corrects an omission identified in the August 6, 2015 final rule.

DATES: Effective date: August 31, 2020.

Applicability dates: This correcting amendment is applicable beginning October 1, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Cindy Massuda, (443) 570–9589.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background
In FR Doc. 2015–19033 (80 FR 47142), the final rule entitled “FY 2016 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements” (hereinafter referred to as the FY 2016 final rule), there were technical errors that are identified and corrected in the regulations text of this correcting amendment. The provisions of this correcting amendment are applicable beginning October 1, 2015.

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