ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Air Plan Approval; Maine:
Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the 2015 Ozone Standard and Negative Declaration for the Oil and Gas Industry for the 2008 and 2015 Ozone Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maine. This revision addresses the infrastructure requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) for the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). This action includes all elements of these infrastructure requirements except for the “Good Neighbor” or “transport” provisions, which will be addressed in a future action. EPA is also approving a State of Maine submittal of amendments to 06–096 CMR Chapter 110, “Ambient Air Quality Standards,” as well as a submittal of statutory conflict-of-interest provisions in 38 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated (MRSA) Section 341–A and 341–C; resulting in the conversion of a number of previous conditional approvals. In addition, EPA is approving SIP revisions submitted by Maine that provide the state’s determination, via a negative declaration, that there are no facilities within its borders subject to EPA’s 2016 Control Technique Guideline (CTG) for the oil and gas industry. This action is being taken under the Clean Air Act.

DATES: This rule is effective on June 14, 2021.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA–R01–OAR–2020–0327. All documents in the docket are listed on the https://www.regulations.gov website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., 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 at https://www.regulations.gov or at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Region 1 Regional Office, Air and Radiation Division, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, MA. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the contact 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 legal holidays and facility closures due to COVID–19.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document whenever “we,” “us,” or “our” is used, we mean EPA.

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I. Background and Purpose

On January 22, 2021 (86 FR 6591), EPA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to approve most elements of a Maine SIP revision addressing the infrastructure requirements of Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) sections 110(a)(1) and 110(a)(2)—excluding the interstate transport provisions—for the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). This NPRM also proposed to approve into Maine’s SIP amendments to state regulations at 06–096 CMR Chapter 110, “Ambient Air Quality Standards,” and several conflict of interest (COI) provisions in Maine’s statutes, which support the state’s infrastructure submittal for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. The NPRM also proposed, based on the Chapter 110 amendments and the COI provisions, to convert to full approval a number of EPA conditional approvals of earlier Maine infrastructure SIP submissions for other NAAQS. The NPRM also proposed to approve a Maine SIP submission that provides the state’s determination, via a negative declaration, that there are no facilities within its borders subject to EPA’s 2016 Control Technique Guideline (CTG) for the oil and gas industry for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards.

The NPRM addressed the following submissions from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP): A February 14, 2020, submission addressing infrastructure requirements for the 2015 ozone NAAQS; a May 28, 2019, submission of amendments to the aforementioned regulations; a September 4, 2019, submission of several COI provisions in Maine state law; and a May 14, 2020, negative declaration for the 2016 CTG for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards.

The rationale for EPA’s proposed action is given in the NPRM and will not be restated here. No public comments were received on the NPRM.

II. Final Action

EPA is approving most of the elements of the infrastructure SIP submitted by Maine on February 14, 2020, for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. Today’s action does not include the “good neighbor” provisions (i.e., CAA section 110(a)(2)(D) ii), also known as a state’s Transport SIP. EPA will address Maine’s Transport SIP for the 2015 ozone NAAQS in a future action.

EPA also is approving, and incorporating into the Maine SIP, the following regulation, submitted on May
IV. Statutory and Executive Order

Under the Clean Air Act, 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, EPA’s role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. 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);
- 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 (SBREFA) generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a 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 July 12, 2021. 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, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.


Deborah Szaro,
Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1.

Part 52 of chapter I, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations 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 U—Maine

2. Revise § 52.1019 to read as follows:

(a) 1997 PM2.5 NAAQS: The SIP submitted September 10, 2008, with a supplement submitted on June 1, 2011, was previously conditionally approved (see Final Rule published October 16, 2012; 77 FR 63228) for Clean Air Act (CAA) elements 110(a)(2)(A), (C), only as it relates to the PSD program, (D)(iii), (E)(ii), and (I) only as it relates...
to the PSD program. This conditional approval is contingent upon Maine taking actions to meet requirements of these elements within one year of conditional approval, as committed to in letters from the state to EPA Region 1 dated June 13, 2012, and June 30, 2012. EPA approved a submittal, related to the Conflict of Interest requirements, and converted the conditional approval of elements 110(a)(2)(A) and E(ii) on May 13, 2021; and

(b) 2006 PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS: The SIP submitted July 27, 2009, with a supplement submitted on June 1, 2011, was previously conditionally approved [see Final Rule published October 16, 2012; 77 FR 63228] for CAA elements 110(a)(2)(A), (C) only as it relates to the PSD program, (D)(ii)(II) only as it relates to the PSD program, (D)(ii), (E)(ii), and (J) only as it relates to the PSD program. This conditional approval is contingent upon Maine taking actions to meet requirements of these elements within one year of conditional approval, as committed to in letters from the state to EPA Region 1 dated June 13, 2012, and June 30, 2012. EPA approved a submittal, related to the Conflict of Interest requirements, and converted the conditional approval of elements 110(a)(2)(A) and E(ii) on May 13, 2021. (c) [Reserved]

### EPA-APPROVED MAINE REGULATIONS

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4. In § 52.1020(e), amend the table by adding entries for “Submittal to meet Clean Air Act Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard”; “Negative declaration for the 2016 Control Techniques Guideline for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry for the 2015 ozone standard” at the end of the table, to read as follows:

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<td>This submittal converts to full approval pre-existing conditional approvals for CAA section 110(a)(2)(E)(ii), regarding State Boards and Conflict of interest for the following standards: 2008 Lead, 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO$<em>2$, 2010 SO$<em>2$, 1997 PM$</em>{2.5}$, 2006 PM$</em>{2.5}$, and 2012 PM$_{2.5}$.</td>
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Conflict of Interest Statute ......... Statewide ................................. Submitted 5/18/2020 5/13/2021 [Insert Federal Register citation].

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Humanities

45 CFR Part 1173

RIN 3136-AA42

Processes and Procedures for Issuing Guidance Documents

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities; National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Final rule; removal of regulations.

SUMMARY: This document rescinds the National Endowment for the Humanities' rule governing the issuance of guidance documents.

DATES: This final rule is effective on May 13, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Voyatzis, Deputy General Counsel, 400 7th Street SW, Room 4060, Washington, DC 20506; (202) 606–8322; gencounsel@neh.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

On September 14, 2020, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) published a final rule governing the issuance of guidance documents entitled “Processes and Procedures for Issuing Guidance Documents” (85 FR 56525). The rule implemented the directives set forth in E.O. 13891 of October 9, 2019 (Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents). E.O. 13992 of January 20, 2021 (Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation), revokes E.O. 13891 and directs the heads of agencies to promptly take steps to rescind any orders, rules, regulations, guidelines, or policies, or portions thereof implementing or enforcing E.O. 13891, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, including the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 551 et seq. In accordance with E.O. 13992, NEH is issuing this final rule, which rescinds the rule published at 85 FR 56525.

2. Compliance

Administrative Procedure Act of 1946

Under the Administrative Procedure Act, an agency may waive the normal notice and comment procedures if the action is a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice. See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). This final rule merely conforms NEH’s internal policy and procedures to the directives set forth in E.O. 13992. Accordingly, NEH has concluded that there is good cause to publish this rule without prior public notice and comment.

E.O. 12866 Regulatory Planning and Review, and E.O. 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review

This action is not significant under E.O. 12866.

E.O. 13771 Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs

This action is not expected to be an E.O. 13771 regulatory action because this action is not significant under E.O. 12866.

E.O. 13132 Federalism

This rulemaking 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.

E.O. 12988 Civil Justice Reform

This rulemaking meets the applicable standards set forth in section 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of E.O. 12988. Specifically, this final rule is written in clear language designed to help reduce litigation.

E.O. 13175 Indian Tribal Governments

Under the criteria in E.O. 13175, NEH evaluated this final rule and determined that it will not have any potential effects on Federally recognized Indian Tribes.

E.O. 12630 Takings

Under the criteria in E.O. 12630, this rulemaking does not have significant takings implications. Therefore, a takings implication assessment is not required.

Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980

This rulemaking will not have a significant adverse impact on a substantial number of small entities, including small businesses, small governmental jurisdictions, or certain small not-for-profit organizations.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This rulemaking does not impose an information collection burden under the Paperwork Reduction Act. This action contains no provisions constituting a collection of information pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rulemaking does not contain a Federal mandate that will result in the expenditure by State, local, and Tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100 million or more in any one year.

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

This final rule will not have a significant effect on the human environment.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

This action pertains to agency management, personnel, and organization and does not substantially affect the rights or obligations of nonagency parties. Accordingly, it is not a “rule” as that term is used by the Congressional Review Act (Subtitle E of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996), and the reporting requirement of 5 U.S.C. 801 does not apply.

E-Government Act of 2002


Plain Writing Act of 2010

To ensure this final rule was written in plain and clear language so that it can be used and understood by the public, NEH modeled the language of this final rule on the Federal Plain Language Guidelines.

List of Subjects in 45 CFR 1173

Administrative practice and procedure.

PART 1173—[REMOVED AND RESERVED]