ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Dakota; Revisions to Air Pollution Control Rules; Regional Haze
AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing approval on a revision to the North Dakota State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the State of North Dakota on November 11, 2016 and supplemented on March 15, 2021, that addresses amendments to the regional haze provisions of the North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC). These revisions were submitted to remove certain regional haze requirements related to Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) in the first planning period. EPA is also finalizing approval on a revision to the North Dakota SIP submitted on August 3, 2020, that addresses additional amendments to the regional haze provisions of the NDAC. The 2020 SIP revision was submitted to update the incorporation by reference date for regional haze definitions, add emission reduction requirements to make reasonable progress during the second and subsequent regional haze planning periods, and revise the regional haze monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements to be applicable under the second and subsequent planning period. EPA is taking this action pursuant to section 110 and Part C of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

DATES: This rule is effective on July 8, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–R08–OAR–2021–0002. All documents in the docket are listed on the http://www.regulations.gov website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., 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 through http://www.regulations.gov, or please contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section for additional availability information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document “we,” “us,” and “our” means the EPA.

I. Background

The background for this action is discussed in detail in our April 1, 2021 proposal (86 FR 17101). In that document we proposed to approve North Dakota’s regional haze SIP revision submitted by the State of North Dakota on November 11, 2016 and supplemented on March 15, 2021. Specifically, we proposed to approve North Dakota’s removal of NDAC section 33–15–25–02.1 (requirement pertaining to the submittal of a regional haze BART analysis) and section 33–15–25–03 (requirement that references the federal guidelines for BART determinations under the regional haze rule) from the regional haze provisions provided in NDAC section 33–15–25.3

We also proposed to approve a portion of North Dakota’s August 3, 2020, SIP revision that addresses NDAC section 33.1–15–25 of the Air Pollution Control Rules for regional haze.2 Specifically, we proposed to approve the following revisions to NDAC:
Section 33.1–15–25–01 which updates the incorporation by reference date for regional haze definitions; section 33.1–15–25–03 which adds emission reduction requirements to make reasonable progress for the second and subsequent planning periods; and section 33.1–15–25–04 which revises the regional haze monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements to be applicable to sources under the second and subsequent planning periods.
We did not receive any comments on the proposed rule.

II. Final Action

In this action, EPA is finalizing approval on SIP amendments to North Dakota Air Pollution Control Rules, shown in Table 1, submitted by the State of North Dakota on November 11, 2016, and supplemented March 15, 2021, and August 3, 2020.

| TABLE 1—LIST OF NORTH DAKOTA AMENDMENTS THAT EPA IS APPROVING |
| Amended Sections in the November 11, 2016 Submittal, Supplemented March 15, 2021 | NDAC section 33–15–25–02.1,3 NDAC section 33–15–25–03.4 |

III. Incorporation by Reference

In this document, EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, EPA is finalizing the incorporation


2 EPA will act on the remaining portions of the ND August 3, 2020, SIP in a separate future rulemaking.


4 Since North Dakota’s NDAC recodification in 2018, section 33.1–15–25–03 is referred to as section 33.1–15–25–03.
by reference of NDAC as described in section II of this preamble. EPA has made, and will continue to make, these materials generally available through www.regulations.gov and at the EPA Region 8 Office (please contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this preamble for more information). Therefore, these materials have been approved by EPA for inclusion in the SIP, have been incorporated by reference by EPA into that plan, are fully federally enforceable under sections 110 and 113 of the CAA as of the effective date of the final rulemaking of EPA’s approval, and will be incorporated by reference in the next update to the SIP compilation. 5

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

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, the 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.); and
• Does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, 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); and
• 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 CAA; 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 76249, 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 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 August 9, 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, Greenhouse gases, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: June 2, 2021.

Debra H. Thomas,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region 8.

40 CFR part 52 is amended as follows:

PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

§ 52.1820 Identification of plan.

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33.1–15–25. Regional Haze Requirements

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5 62 FR 27968 (May 22, 1997).


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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 1 and 27

[AU Docket No. 21–62; DA 21–567; FR ID 29366]

Certification Adopted for Auction of Flexible-Use Service Licenses in the 3.45–3.55 Band for Next-Generation Wireless Services (Auction 110)

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final action; requirement and procedure.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) adopt a certification that will be required of each applicant to participate in the upcoming auction of flexible-use licenses in the 3.45–3.55 GHz band (Auction 110). Specifically, each applicant for Auction 110 will be required to certify in its short-form application that it has read the public notice describing the procedures for the auction and that it has familiarized itself both with the auction procedures and with the requirements for obtaining a license and operating facilities in the 3.45–3.55 GHz band.

2. In the Auction 110 Comment Public Notice, 86 FR 18000 (April 7, 2021), released March 18, 2021, the Commission sought comment on a range of proposed procedures for conducting Auction 110, including a proposal to require each participant in Auction 110 to certify in its short-form application, under penalty of perjury, that it has read the public notice adopting procedures for the auction and that it has familiarized itself both with the auction procedures and with the requirements for obtaining a license and operating facilities in the 3.45–3.55 GHz band. As with other certifications required to be made in an auction application, a failure to make the certification would render the application unacceptable for filing, and the application would be dismissed with prejudice.

3. The Commission proposed to establish this requirement to help ensure that each applicant has reviewed the procedures to become a qualified bidder and participate in the auction process and that it has investigated and assessed technical and business factors that may be relevant to its use of the licenses being offered. The Commission reasoned that this requirement would promote an applicant’s successful participation and would minimize its risk of auction defaults.

4. This certification is designed to bolster applicants’ efforts to educate themselves to the greatest extent possible about procedures for auction participation and to ensure that, prior to submitting their short-form applications, applicants understand their obligation to stay abreast of relevant, forthcoming information. By ensuring familiarity with the Commission’s rules and procedures governing Auction 110, OEA and WTB are also taking steps to help bidders avoid the consequences to them associated with defaults, as well as the consequences for other applicants, the public, and the Commission associated therewith. This certification, along with the other certifications required pursuant to § 1.2105(a) of the Commission’s rules, helps ensure that auction applicants are sincere about their interest in the auction, and it may discourage the filing of frivolous applications that waste Commission resources.

5. For these reasons, OEA and WTB will require each Auction 110 applicant to certify as follows in its short-form application:

That the applicant has read the public notice adopting procedures for the auction and that it has familiarized itself both with the auction procedures and with the requirements for obtaining a license and operating facilities in the 3.45–3.55 GHz band.

An applicant will provide this certification under penalty of perjury, consistent with § 1.2105(a) of the Commission’s rules.

6. This action is taken by the Office of Economics and Analytics, jointly with the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, pursuant to §§ 0.21(m) and 0.131(c) of the Commission’s rules. This requirement is an information collection that is subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Accordingly, this requirement will apply to applicants for Auction 110 only if it has been approved by OMB and notice of such approval has been published in the Federal Register prior to the opening of the short-form application window for Auction 110.

Supplemental Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

7. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended (RFA), a Supplemental Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (Supplemental IRFA) was incorporated in the Auction 110 Comment Public Notice released in March 2021. The