

benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity). Executive Order 13563 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review) emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, reducing costs, harmonizing rules, and promoting flexibility. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has determined that this rule is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866. The Regulatory Impact Analysis associated with this rulemaking can be found as a supporting document at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612. The provisions contained in this final rulemaking are applicable to individual Veterans, and applications for VGLI, as submitted by such individuals, and are specifically managed and processed within VA and through Prudential Insurance Company of America, which is not considered to be a small entity. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604 do not apply.

#### Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 requires, at 2 U.S.C. 1532, that agencies prepare an assessment of anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in an expenditure by the State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any given year. This final rule will have no such effect on State, local, and tribal governments or on the private sector.

#### Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this rule as not a major rule, as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

#### Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program number and title for this rule is 64.103, Life Insurance for Veterans.

#### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 9

Life insurance, Military personnel, Veterans.

#### Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on August 16, 2021, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### Jeffrey M. Martin,

*Assistant Director, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

#### PART 9—SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AND VETERANS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Accordingly, the Department of Veterans Affairs is adopting the interim rule amending 38 CFR part 9 that was published at 85 FR 35562 on June 9, 2021, as final without change.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### 38 CFR Part 36

RIN 2900–AR05

#### Loan Guaranty: COVID–19 Veterans Assistance Partial Claim Payment Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Technical amendments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is making technical amendments to the final rule published on Friday, May 28, 2021. The final rule establishes the COVID–19 Veterans Assistance Partial Claim Payment program (COVID–VAPCP), a temporary program to help Veterans return to making normal loan payments on a VA-guaranteed loan after exiting a forbearance for financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID–19 national emergency.

**DATES:** These technical amendments are effective August 23, 2021.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** VA is amending its final rule, “RIN 2900–AR05; Loan Guaranty: COVID–VAPCP”, that was published on May 28, 2021, in the **Federal Register** at 86 FR 28692. In the Paperwork Reduction Act section of the final rule, VA noted it had submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval new information collections under 38 CFR 36.4803 and 36.4805 through 36.4807. OMB has approved these collections of information and assigned an OMB control number. Therefore, VA is issuing these technical amendments to add the OMB control number to the published regulation.

#### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 36

Condominiums, Housing, Individuals with disabilities, Loan programs—housing and community development, Loan programs—veterans, Manufactured homes, Mortgage insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Veterans.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the VA amends 38 CFR part 36 to read as follows:

#### PART 38—PENSIONS, BONUSES, AND VETERAN'S RELIEF

■ 1. The authority citation for part 36 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501 and 3720.

■ 2. Amend § 36.4803 by revising the sentence in parenthesis at the end of the section to read as follows:

**§ 36.4803 General requirements of the COVID–19 Veterans Assistance Partial Claim Payment program.**

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(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements in this section under control number 2900–0889).

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■ 3. Amend § 36.4805 by revising the sentence in parenthesis at the end of the section to read as follows:

**§ 36.4805 Terms of the partial claim payment.**

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(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements in this section under control number 2900–0889).

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■ 4. Amend § 36.4806 by revising the sentence in parenthesis at the end of the section to read as follows:

**§ 36.4806 Terms of the assistance to the veteran.**

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(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements in this section under control number 2900-0889).

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■ 5. Amend § 36.4807 by revising the sentence in parenthesis at the end of the section to read as follows:

**§ 36.4807 Application for partial claim payment.**

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(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements in this section under control numbers 2900-0021 and 2900-0889).

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Dated: August 18, 2021.

**Jeffrey M. Martin,**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 52**

[EPA-R07-OAR-2021-0378; FRL-8704-02-R7]

**Air Plan Approval; Iowa; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to approve certain elements of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) submission from the State of Iowa addressing the applicable requirements of section 110 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the 2015 Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Section 110 requires that each state adopt and submit a SIP revision to support 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:** This final rule is effective on September 22, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID

No. EPA-R07-OAR-2021-0378. 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 through <https://www.regulations.gov> or please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for additional information.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Throughout this document “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to the EPA. A technical support document (TSD) is included in the rulemaking docket.

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**I. Background**

On June 29, 2021, the EPA proposed to approve Iowa’s infrastructure SIP submission for the 2015 O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 34175). The EPA solicited comments on the proposed approval of the infrastructure SIP submission and received no comments.

**II. What is being addressed in this document?**

The EPA is approving the infrastructure SIP submission received from the state on November 30, 2018 in accordance with section 110(a)(1) of the CAA. Specifically, the EPA is approving Iowa’s SIP as meeting the following infrastructure elements of section 110(a)(2) of the CAA: (A) through (C), (D)(i)(II)—prevention of significant deterioration of air quality (prong 3) and protection of visibility (prong 4), (D)(ii), (E) through (H), and (J) through (M). Elements of section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I)—significant contribution to nonattainment (prong 1) and interfering with maintenance of the NAAQS (prong 2) will be addressed in a separate action.

Section 110(a)(2)(I) was discussed in the submission; however, the EPA does

not expect infrastructure SIP submissions to address element (I). Section 110(a)(2)(I) requires states to meet the applicable SIP requirements of part D of the CAA relating to designated nonattainment areas. The specific part D submissions for designated nonattainment areas are subject to different submission schedules than those for section 110 infrastructure elements. The EPA will act on part D attainment plan SIP submissions through a separate rulemaking governed by the requirements for nonattainment areas, as described in part D.

A Technical Support Document (TSD) in the docket provides additional details of this action, including an analysis of how the SIP meets the applicable CAA section 110 requirements for infrastructure SIPs.

**III. Have the requirements for approval of a SIP revision been met?**

The State met the public notice requirements for SIP submissions in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102. The EPA determined that the submission satisfied the completeness criteria of 40 CFR part 51, appendix V. The State provided a public comment period for this SIP revision from September 18, 2018 to October 19, 2018 and received two comments related to a request for more stringent ozone requirements and an increase in ozone monitors. The state provided an adequate response to these comments. In addition, as explained in more detail in the TSD which is part of this docket, the infrastructure SIP submission meets the substantive SIP requirements of the CAA, including section 110 and implementing regulations. The public comment period on the EPA’s proposed rule opened June 29, 2021, the date of its publication in the **Federal Register** and closed on July 29, 2021. During this period, the EPA received no comments.

**IV. What action is the EPA taking?**

The EPA is approving elements of the November 30, 2018, submission from the State of Iowa addressing the infrastructure elements for the 2015 O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS. Specifically, the EPA is approving Iowa’s SIP as meeting the following infrastructure elements of section 110(a)(2): (A) through (C), (D)(i)(II) prong 3 and prong 4, (D)(ii), (E) through (H), (J) through (M). The EPA intends to act on the elements of section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I)—prong 1 and prong 2 in a subsequent rulemaking. The EPA is not addressing Section 110(a)(2)(I) as it is the EPA’s interpretation of the CAA that these elements do not need to be addressed in the context of an infrastructure SIP submission.