

competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic and export markets. Therefore, this rulemaking is not a “major rule” as defined in 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

*L. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995:* The changes set forth in this rulemaking do not involve a Federal intergovernmental mandate that will result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, of \$100 million (as adjusted) or more in any one year, or a Federal private sector mandate that will result in the expenditure by the private sector of \$100 million (as adjusted) or more in any one year, and will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions are necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. *See* 2 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*

*M. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969:* This rulemaking will not have any effect on the quality of the environment and is thus categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. *See* 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*

*N. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995:* The requirements of section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) are not applicable because this rulemaking does not contain provisions that involve the use of technical standards.

*O. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) requires that the Office consider the impact of paperwork and other information collection burdens imposed on the public. The rules of practice pertaining to patent term adjustment and extension have been reviewed and approved by the OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) under OMB control number 0651–0020. Although this final rule requires the use of Office form PTO/SB/133 when making a statement under 37 CFR 1.704(d)(1), the OMB has determined that, under 5 CFR 1320.3(h), form PTO/SB/133 does not collect “information” within the meaning of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Because the changes in this rulemaking would not affect the information collection requirements or fees associated with the information collections approved under OMB control number 0651–0020 or any other information collection, the Office is not resubmitting an information

collection package to the OMB for its review and approval.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

*P. E-Government Act Compliance:* The USPTO is committed to compliance with the E-Government Act to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies, to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

#### List of Subjects in 37 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure, Biologics, Courts, Freedom of information, Inventions and patents, Reporting and record keeping requirements, Small businesses.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the USPTO amends 37 CFR part 1 as follows:

#### PART 1—RULES OF PRACTICE IN PATENT CASES

■ 1. The authority citation for 37 CFR part 1 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2), unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Section 1.704 is amended by adding paragraph (d)(3) to read as follows:

##### § 1.704 Reduction of period of adjustment of patent term.

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(d) \* \* \*

(3) The statement under paragraph (d)(1) of this section must be submitted on the Office form (PTO/SB/133) provided for such a patent term adjustment statement using the appropriate document code (PTA.IDS). Otherwise, the paper or request for continued examination will be treated as not accompanied by a statement under paragraph (d)(1) of this section unless an application for patent term adjustment, in compliance with § 1.705(b), is filed, establishing that the paper or request for continued examination was accompanied by a statement in compliance with paragraph (d)(1) of this section. No changes to statements on this Office form may be made. The presentation to the Office (whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating) of this form, whether by a practitioner or non-practitioner, constitutes a certification under § 11.18(b) of this chapter that the existing text and any certification

statements on this form have not been altered.

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**Katherine K. Vidal,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R10–OAR–2023–0195; FRL–10612–02–R10]

### Air Plan Approval; Idaho; Inspection and Maintenance Program Removal

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** On March 30, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to approve revisions to the Idaho State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the State of Idaho (Idaho or the State) on December 29, 2022. The SIP revision, applicable in the Boise-Northern Ada County Carbon Monoxide area (Northern Ada County CO area) in Idaho, removes the Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) program, which was previously approved into the SIP for use as a control measure in the State’s plan to address motor vehicle emissions in the nonattainment area. The SIP revision included a demonstration that the requested revision would not interfere with attainment or maintenance of any national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) or with any other applicable requirement of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The EPA is taking final action to approve Idaho’s December 29, 2022, submission.

**DATES:** This action is effective on July 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–R10–OAR–2023–0195. 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, 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 <https://www.regulations.gov>, or please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Throughout this document, wherever “we,” “us,” or “our” is used, it means the EPA.

**I. Background**

On December 29, 2022, Idaho submitted a SIP revision to remove the Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) program in the Northern Ada County Carbon Monoxide (CO) area. The submission included a demonstration that the requested revision would not

interfere with attainment or maintenance of any national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) or with any other applicable requirement of the Clean Air Act (CAA). Idaho’s submission also requested that the EPA remove the ordinances in Table 1 of this preamble from the Idaho SIP.

TABLE 1—LOCAL I/M ORDINANCES THAT IDAHO REQUESTS BE REMOVED FROM THE NORTHERN ADA COUNTY CO SIP

Local agency	Ordinance title	Local agency approval date
Air Quality Board .....	Motor Vehicle Emissions Control Ordinance .....	1/1/2010
Ada County .....	The 1999 Motor Vehicle Emissions Control Ordinance .....	6/15/1999
City of Boise .....	The 1999 Motor Vehicle Emissions Control Ordinance .....	7/20/1999
City of Eagle .....	The 1999 Motor Vehicle Emissions Control Ordinance .....	4/27/1999
City of Garden City .....	The 1991 Vehicle Emission Control Ordinance .....	8/13/1996
City of Meridian .....	The 1999 Motor Vehicle Emissions Control Ordinance .....	6/1/1999

The EPA proposed to approve Idaho’s SIP revision on March 30, 2023 (88 FR 19030). Subsequently, on April 21, 2023, the EPA made a correction to the docket number in the proposed rule and extended the public comment period to May 22, 2023 (88 FR 24522). An explanation of the CAA requirements, a detailed analysis of the submission, and the EPA’s reasons for approval were provided in the notice of proposed rulemaking. The EPA did not receive comments on the proposed rulemaking and is taking final action to approve Idaho’s December 29, 2022, submission.

**II. Incorporation by Reference**

In this document, the EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. The EPA is removing the local ordinances identified in section I of this preamble from the Idaho State Implementation Plan, which is incorporated by reference under 1 CFR part 51.

**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);

- 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); 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.

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 it 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).

Executive Order 12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental

Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, 59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994) directs Federal agencies to identify and address “disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects” of their actions on minority populations and low-income populations to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law. The EPA defines environmental justice (EJ) as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.” The EPA further defines the term fair treatment to mean that “no group of people should bear a disproportionate burden of environmental harms and risks, including those resulting from the negative environmental consequences of industrial, governmental, and commercial operations or programs and policies.”

Idaho did not evaluate EJ considerations as part of its SIP submission; the CAA and applicable implementing regulations neither prohibit nor require such an evaluation. The EPA did not perform an EJ analysis and did not consider EJ in this action. Consideration of EJ is not required as part of this action, and there is no information in the record inconsistent with the stated goal of Executive Order 12898 of achieving environmental justice for people of color, low-income populations, and Indigenous peoples.

This action is subject to the Congressional Review Act, 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).

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 August 14, 2023. 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 record keeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

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

Dated: June 8, 2023.

**Casey Sixkiller,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 10.*

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 40 CFR part 52 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 N—Idaho

##### ■ 2. In § 52.670:

■ a. The table in paragraph (c) is amended by removing entries “Ada County Ordinance”, “City of Boise Ordinance”, “City of Eagle Ordinance”, “City of Garden City Ordinance” and “City of Meridian Ordinance”; and

■ b. The table in paragraph (e) is amended by adding an entry for “Northern Ada County Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan Revision” at the end of the table.

The addition reads as follows:

##### § 52.670 Identification of plan.

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(e) \* \* \*

#### EPA-APPROVED IDAHO NONREGULATORY PROVISIONS AND QUASI-REGULATORY MEASURES

Name of SIP provision	Applicable geographic or nonattainment area	State submittal date	EPA approval date	Comments
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Northern Ada County Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan Revision.	Northern Ada County ..	12/29/2022	6/15/2023, [INSERT <b>Federal Register</b> CITATION].	Removal of I/M program.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R09–OAR–2020–0425; FRL–10618–02–R9]

#### Disapproval of Clean Air Plans; Sacramento Metro, California; Contingency Measures for 2008 Ozone Standards

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to disapprove under the Clean Air Act (CAA or “Act”), state implementation plan (SIP) submissions from the State of California that address contingency measures requirements for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) in the Sacramento Metro, California ozone nonattainment area. The EPA is finalizing this disapproval because the SIP submissions do not provide for contingency measures that would be

triggered if the area fails to attain the NAAQS or make reasonable further progress (RFP).

**DATES:** This rule is effective on July 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–R09–OAR–2020–0425. 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, e.g., 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 through <https://www.regulations.gov>, or please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for additional availability information. If you need assistance in a language other than English or if you are a person with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation at no cost to you, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** Throughout this document, “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to the EPA.

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#### I. Summary of Proposed Action

##### A. Regulatory Background

On March 28, 2023, the EPA proposed to disapprove under the CAA, SIP submissions from the State of California that address the contingency measures requirements for the 2008 ozone NAAQS for the Sacramento Metro, California ozone nonattainment area.<sup>1</sup> This proposed disapproval addressed the contingency measures portions of the following two SIP submissions: the “Sacramento Regional 2008 NAAQS 8-hour Ozone Attainment and Reasonable

<sup>1</sup> 88 FR 18286.