

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52****[OH135-1b; FRL-6600-9]****Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve an October 6, 1999, request from Ohio for a revision to the Ohio State Implementation Plan (SIP) which governs transportation conformity. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving as described herein, the State's SIP revision, as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If we receive no adverse comments in response to that direct final rule we plan to take no further activity in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives significant adverse comments, in writing, which have not been addressed, we will withdraw the direct final rule and address all public comments received in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch, (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604.

You may inspect copies of the documents relevant to this action during normal business hours at the following location: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch, (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604.

Please contact Patricia Morris at (312) 353-8656 before visiting the Region 5 office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Morris, Environmental Scientist, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-8656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document wherever

"we," "us," or "our" are used we mean EPA.

This **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section is organized as follows:

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What Action Is EPA Taking Today?

In this action, we are proposing to approve a revision to the Ohio State Implementation Plan for transportation conformity. The transportation conformity SIP revisions enable the State of Ohio to implement and enforce the Federal transportation conformity requirements at the State or local level. The amendments to Ohio Administrative Code reflect the third set of EPA revisions to the federal transportation conformity rules. These rule changes will assure conformity of transportation improvement programs, transportation plans and transportation projects to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). EPA is only approving certain sections of the rules submitted by Ohio for transportation conformity.

Where Can I Find More Information About This Proposal and the Corresponding Direct Final Rule?

For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 14, 2000.

Elissa Speizman,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Parts 52 and 81****[CO-001-0037b; FRL-6706-6]****Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Governor of the State of Colorado on September 22, 1997, for the purpose of establishing a redesignation for the Canon City area from nonattainment to attainment for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 microns (PM₁₀) under the 1987

standards. The Colorado Air Pollution Control Division's (Colorado) submittal, among other things, documents that the Canon City area has attained the PM₁₀ national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS), requests redesignation to attainment, and includes a maintenance plan for the area demonstrating maintenance of the PM₁₀ NAAQS for ten years. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial SIP revision and redesignation and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the preamble to the direct final rule. If EPA receives no adverse comments, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado, 80202. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air and Radiation Program, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado, 80202. Copies of the State documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Colorado 80222-1530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Rosenberg, EPA, Region VIII, (303) 312-6436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: May 18, 2000.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

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