

listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect 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. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule

would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023-01 and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a regulated navigation area enforced annually for a total of less than 4 days that would restrict vessel speed. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) in Table 3-1 of U.S. Coast Guard Environmental Planning Implementing Procedures 5090.1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

- 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

- 2. Add § 165.1341 before the undesignated center heading "Fourteenth Coast Guard District" to read as follows:

§ 165.1341 Regulated Navigation Area; Lake Washington, Seattle, WA.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a regulated navigation area: All waters of Lake Washington south of the Interstate

90 Floating West Bound Bridge and north of the points between Bailey Peninsula at 47°33'14.4" N, 122°14'47.3" W and Mercer Island at 47°33'24.5" N, 122°13'52.5" W.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, *designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Puget Sound (COTP) in the enforcement of the regulated navigation zone.

(c) *Regulations.* All vessels and persons transiting the regulated navigation area described in paragraph (a) of this section must proceed at a speed which creates minimum wake, 7 miles per hour or less, unless a higher minimum speed is necessary to maintain bare steerageway.

(d) *Enforcement periods.* This section will be enforced annually immediately before and after Seafair events which usually occurs during the last week in July and the first two weeks of August. The event will be one week or less in duration and the specific dates and times of the enforcement periods will be published in a notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 26, 2019.

A.J. Vogt,

RADM, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0165; FRL-10002-05-Region 9]

Air Plan Approval; California; Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing action on a revision to the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD or "the District") portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) to approve a rule governing issuance of permits for stationary sources emitting fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and PM_{2.5} precursors, including review and permitting of major sources and major

modifications under part D of title I of the Clean Air Act (CAA or “the Act”). Specifically, the approval pertains to YSAQMD Rule 3.25, “Federal New Source Review for New and Modified Major PM_{2.5} Sources.”

DATES: This rule is effective on January 29, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–R09–OAR–2019–0165. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Waldon, EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105. By phone: (415) 972–3987 or by email at waldon.margaret@epa.gov.

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

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I. Proposed Action

On July 11, 2019 (84 FR 33030), the EPA proposed to fully approve the following rule that was submitted for incorporation in the YSAQMD portion of the California SIP.

TABLE 1 SUBMITTED RULE

Rule No.	Rule title	Amended	Submitted
3.25	Federal New Source Review for New and Modified Major PM _{2.5} Sources	05/15/19	06/04/19

We proposed approval of this rule because we determined that the rule meets the statutory requirements for SIP revisions as specified in section 110(l) of the CAA, as well as the substantive statutory and regulatory requirements found in CAA sections 110(a)(2), 172, 173, and 189(e), and 40 CFR 51.160–51.165.

II. Public Comments and EPA Responses

We received one (1) comment from the Center for Biological Diversity regarding our proposed approval of Rule 3.25 into the Yolo-Solano AQMD portion of the California SIP. The commenter stated that the definition of the term “significant” found in YSAQMD’s Rule 3.25, section 212.3, is inconsistent with the significant emissions rate found in 40 CFR 51.165(a)(1)(x)(A). The commenter stated that section 212.3 incorrectly defines a significant emission rate for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) rather than nitrogen oxides (NO_x). The commenter stated that by defining a significant emission rate for NO₂ instead of NO_x, the YSAQMD ignored the technical distinction under federal law and the broader class of regulated NO_x species. The commenter stated that the EPA should not approve Rule 3.25 until the YSAQMD corrects the discrepancy in section 212.3.

The EPA agrees with the commenter that Rule 3.25’s definition of “significant” specifies an emission rate for NO₂, whereas the EPA’s definition of “significant” at 40 CFR 51.165(a)(1)(x)(A) specifies an emission rate for NO_x. This discrepancy warrants careful consideration because Rule

3.25’s definition of “significant” is part of the evaluation of whether a project will increase emissions of PM_{2.5} and/or PM_{2.5} precursors beyond specified thresholds, thereby triggering requirements applicable to “major modifications,” such as those for pollution controls and offsets. In considering the comment, we reviewed YSAQMD’s SIP-approved permitting rules to determine whether there might be a mechanism other than Rule 3.25 that properly regulates increases of NO_x emissions resulting from physical or operational changes at a stationary source. We found that SIP-approved YSAQMD Rule 3.4, “New Source Review,” provides such a mechanism.

The EPA approved Rule 3.4, which implements permitting requirements for new and modified stationary sources, into the California SIP in 1997.¹ As part of its approval of Rule 3.4, the EPA determined that the rule meets all federal requirements for nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR) permitting.² Rule 3.4 contains requirements to evaluate emission increases of NO_x as a nonattainment pollutant and imposes NNSR requirements applicable to major modifications, such as requirements for pollution controls and offsets, that the EPA has determined meet federal requirements. Moreover, because YSAQMD’s jurisdiction includes areas designated nonattainment for ozone as well as PM_{2.5}, YSAQMD uses Rule 3.4

to regulate NO_x (and volatile organic compounds) as an ozone precursor.³ And, because Rule 3.4 contains the EPA’s requirements for ozone nonattainment areas classified as severe, Rule 3.4 regulates NO_x as an ozone precursor at lower applicability thresholds and higher offset ratios than the EPA’s requirements for NO_x as a PM_{2.5} precursor that apply in PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas classified as moderate (such as the PM_{2.5} nonattainment area regulated by YSAQMD). In other words, Rule 3.4 regulates NO_x more stringently than the EPA’s regulations or Rule 3.25 regulate NO_x as a PM_{2.5} precursor. We provide additional explanation below regarding Rule 3.4’s regulation of NO_x as a precursor to PM_{2.5}, consistent with federal requirements.

First, we note that Rule 3.4’s definition of “major stationary source” specifies a threshold of 25 tons per year (tpy) for NO_x emissions, whereas the definitions of “major stationary source” in the EPA’s NNSR regulations and Rule 3.25 specify a threshold of 100 tpy for PM_{2.5} precursors such as NO_x.⁴ Rule 3.4’s lower threshold means that all

³ At the time of the EPA’s action on Rule 3.4, areas within YSAQMD’s jurisdiction were classified as severe nonattainment for the 1979 1-hour ozone NAAQS. Currently, these areas are classified as severe nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS and moderate nonattainment for the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS. 40 CFR 81.305.

⁴ Compare the definition of “major stationary source” in Rule 3.4, section 222 (25 tpy NO_x), with the EPA’s definition of “major stationary source” (100 tpy of NO_x for PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas classified as moderate). 40 CFR 51.165(a)(1)(iv)(1). Rule 3.25’s definition of “major stationary source” also specifies a threshold of 100 tpy. Rule 3.25, section 206.

¹ The EPA approved Rule 3.4 into the California SIP on July 7, 1997. 62 FR 36214.

² Id. Requirements for a NNSR program include application of the lowest achievable emission rate (LAER) and providing offsets for emission increases.

modification projects at major stationary sources that would be required to be reviewed under the EPA's NNSR requirements for NO_x as a PM_{2.5} precursor are in fact subject to review.

The EPA also compared Rule 3.4's definition of "major modification" with definitions in the EPA's regulations and Rule 3.25.⁵ Rule 3.4's definition of "major modification" specifies a lower threshold for NO_x than the EPA's PM_{2.5} NNSR regulations or Rule 3.25; specifically, Rule 3.4 sets an applicability threshold for NO_x at 25 tpy, whereas the EPA's regulations for NO_x as a PM_{2.5} precursor and Rule 3.25's regulation of NO₂ set the applicability threshold at 40 tpy.⁶ Therefore, Rule 3.4's lower threshold ensures that any modification that would result in a significant emission increase of NO_x will be subject to NNSR requirements (such as those for pollution controls and offsets) consistent with the EPA's NNSR requirements for NO_x as a PM_{2.5} precursor and Rule 3.25.

In addition, the EPA compared offset requirements in Rule 3.4 with offset requirements in the EPA's regulations and Rule 3.25. Rule 3.4's required offset ratio for NO_x is 1:1.3, whereas the offset ratio required by the EPA's NNSR regulations for NO_x as a PM_{2.5} precursor and Rule 3.25 is 1:1.⁷ Rule 3.4's higher ratio means that Rule 3.4 requires more offsets for NO_x than the EPA's NNSR requirements for NO_x as a PM_{2.5} precursor or Rule 3.25.

Accordingly, because the requirements for a NNSR program applicable to NO_x as a PM_{2.5} precursor are already satisfied by SIP-approved Rule 3.4, the reference to NO₂ in Rule 3.25's definition of "significant" has no practical impact. We note that the implementation of Rule 3.4 in conjunction with Rule 3.25 should not present undue difficulty because YSAQMD's jurisdiction is classified as nonattainment for the 2008 and 2015 ozone NAAQS; therefore, projects at

major stationary sources that increase NO_x emissions are already required to be evaluated under Rule 3.4 for reasons related to ozone nonattainment.⁸ Finally, we note that, despite the overlap with Rule 3.4, Rule 3.25 is a necessary addition to the YSAQMD SIP because it regulates PM_{2.5} and PM_{2.5} precursors not regulated by Rule 3.4—specifically, sulfur dioxide and ammonia. We therefore find that finalization of our action as proposed is appropriate.

III. EPA Action

We received one (1) adverse comment regarding the proposed of Rule 3.25 into the YSAQMD portion of the California SIP. However, for the reasons set forth in our proposed action and above in Section II, as authorized in section 110(k)(3) and 301(a) of the Act, the EPA is approving Rule 3.25 "Federal New Source Review for New and Modified Major PM_{2.5} Sources" into the YSAQMD portion of the California SIP.

IV. Incorporation by Reference

In this rule, the EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, the EPA is finalizing the incorporation by reference the YSAQMD rule listed in Table 1 of this notice. The EPA has made, and will continue to make, this document available electronically through <https://www.regulations.gov> and in hard copy at the EPA Region IX Office (please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this preamble for more information).

V. 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 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);

- Is not an Executive Order 13771 (82 FR 9339, February 2, 2017) regulatory action because SIP approvals are exempted under Executive Order 12866;
- 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 the EPA with the discretionary authority to address disproportionate human health or environmental effects with practical, appropriate, 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 the 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 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

⁵ The term "major modification" in Rule 3.25 includes the term "significant emissions increase" and therefore relates directly to the commenter's concern regarding Rule 3.25's definition of "significant."

⁶ Compare the definition of "major modification" in Rule 3.4, section 221 (25 tpy threshold), with the EPA's definition of "major modification" (40 tpy of NO_x for PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas). 40 CFR 51.165(a)(1)(x)(A). As noted by the commenter, Rule 3.25's definition of "significant" is 40 tpy of NO₂, which means that Rule 3.25's definition of "major modification," which uses the term "significant," also applies a threshold of 40 tpy for NO₂. Rule 3.25, sections 205 and 212.

⁷ Compare Rule 3.4, section 303 (1:1.3 offset ratio), with the EPA's offset ratio of 1:1. 40 CFR 51.165(a)(9)(i). Rule 3.25 also requires an offset ratio of 1:1. Rule 3.25, section 302.

⁸ Rule 3.4's applicability is not tied to the area's nonattainment status with respect to ozone. For example, if the ozone nonattainment area within YSAQMD's jurisdiction were redesignated to attainment for ozone but remained nonattainment for PM_{2.5}, Rule 3.4's NNSR requirements would remain applicable to NO_x as a PM_{2.5} precursor.

of the United States. The 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).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Particulate Matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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

Dated: November 1, 2019.

Deborah Jordan,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

Part 52, 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 F—California

■ 2. Section 52.220 is amended by adding paragraph (c)(524) to read as follows:

§ 52.220 Identification of plan—in part.

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(524) New additional materials for the following AQMD was submitted on June 4, 2019 by the Governor’s designee.

(i) *Incorporation by reference.* (A) Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District.

(1) Rule 3.25, “Federal New Source Review for New and Modified Major PM_{2.5} Sources,” amended May 15, 2019.

(2) [Reserved]

(B) [Reserved]

(ii) [Reserved]

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Part 414

[CMS–5530–N]

Medicare Program; Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) Incentive Payment Advisory for Clinicians—Request for Current Banking Information for Qualifying APM Participants

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Payment advisory.

SUMMARY: This advisory is to alert certain clinicians who are Qualifying APM participants (QPs) and eligible to receive an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) Incentive Payment that CMS does not have the current banking information needed to disburse the payment. This advisory provides information to these clinicians on how to update their banking information to receive this payment.

DATES: This advisory is effective on December 30, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brittany LaCouture, (410) 786–0481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under the Medicare Quality Payment Program, an eligible clinician who participates in Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs) and meets the applicable payment amount or patient count thresholds for a performance year is a Qualifying APM Participant (QP) for that year. QPs earn a 5 percent lump sum APM Incentive Payment in the payment years 2019 through 2024 based on the QP Performance Period 2 years prior. The amount of the APM Incentive Payment is 5 percent of the payments for Part B covered professional services paid for the calendar year immediately preceding the payment year.

We began disbursing the 2019 APM Incentive Payment on September 26, 2019, and these disbursements are ongoing. The 2019 APM Incentive Payment is for eligible clinicians who were determined to be QPs based on their participation in Advanced APMs in the 2017 QP Performance Period.

II. Provisions of the Advisory

CMS is issuing this advisory to notify the QPs who are eligible for a 2019 APM Incentive Payment and are listed at <https://qpp-cm-prod-content.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/757/2019%20QP%20Notice%20for%20APM%20Incentive%20Payment.pdf> that after several attempts to identify current banking information through which to make the disbursement, we have been unable to do so. Eligible clinicians who are on the referenced list should follow the directions for contacting CMS and to provide updated information as specified at <https://qpp-cm-prod-content.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/757/2019%20QP%20Notice%20for%20APM%20Incentive%20Payment.pdf> and must do so no later than February 28, 2020.

We note that our regulation at § 414.1450(d) provides that CMS will make the CY 2019 APM Incentive Payment no later than December 31, 2019. We acknowledge that pursuant to this advisory, CMS anticipates disbursing the APM Incentive Payment to some QPs after December 31, 2019. We have made every effort to make all CY 2019 APM Incentive Payments on or before December 31, 2019. However, CY 2019 was the inaugural year us to issue the APM Incentive Payments. As we identified the QPs who are the subject of this advisory, we made continued efforts, but still have not located current banking information for them. We believe it is necessary and appropriate to afford the identified QPs the opportunity to provide us with their current banking information and receive their CY 2019 APM Incentive Payments. Therefore, we are extending the payment process into CY 2020 by giving the identified individuals the opportunity to provide us the necessary information by February 28, 2020, the deadline provided in this advisory, and appropriately disbursing the CY 2019 APM Incentive Payments thereafter as soon as practicable. We fully expect, after this inaugural year of the Advanced APM Incentive Payment, to make all payments within the timeframe specified in regulation.

Dated: December 19, 2019.

Seema Verma,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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