ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida; Regional Haze Plan Amendment—Lakeland Electric C.D. McIntosh

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve the State of Florida’s March 10, 2015, State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision, submitted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). This submittal fulfills Florida’s commitment to EPA to provide a regional haze SIP revision with a Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions limit for Unit 1 at the Lakeland Electric–C.D. McIntosh Power Plant (McIntosh) reflecting best operating practices for good combustion. States are required to address the BART provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) and EPA’s regional haze regulations as part of a program to prevent any future and remedy any existing anthropogenic impairment of visibility in mandatory Class I areas (national parks and wilderness areas) caused by emissions of air pollutants from numerous sources located over a wide geographic area (also referred to as the “regional haze program”) and to assure reasonable progress toward the national goal of achieving natural visibility conditions in Class I areas. In this action, EPA proposes to approve the BART NOx emissions limit for Unit 1 at McIntosh into the Florida SIP.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 21, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No EPA–R04–OAR–2015–0337, by one of the following methods:
1. www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
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Analyses and Approvals: Federal Register

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Overview

On December 10, 2012, EPA proposed to approve the BART and reasonable progress determinations for a number of EGUs in Florida as part of Florida’s regional haze SIP. See 77 FR 73369. In that action, EPA proposed approval of Florida’s BART determination for emissions Units 1 and 2 at McIntosh found subject to BART. On August 29, 2013, EPA issued a final, full approval of Florida’s regional haze SIP. See 78 FR 53250. In that final action, EPA approved the BART determination for the McIntosh facility, including the determination that the existing level of control for NOX at Unit 1, best operating practices for good combustion, is the NOX BART control for Unit 1. See 78 FR 53263. As described in the August 29, 2013, final action, FDEP submitted a letter to EPA dated July 30, 2013, in which the State committed to provide EPA with a regional haze SIP revision no later than March 19, 2015, the deadline for the State’s five-year regional haze periodic progress report SIP, that would include a NOX BART emissions limit for Unit 1 reflecting best operating practices for good combustion. FDEP also committed to modify the title V permit for McIntosh to include this new limit.

To fulfill its commitment in accordance with the July 30, 2013 letter, the State of Florida submitted a SIP revision dated March 10, 2015, seeking to revise its regional haze SIP to include a NOX BART emissions limit for Unit 1 and the April 30, 2014, construction permit establishing this NOX BART emissions limit for Unit 1. The permit contains supporting conditions (e.g., monitoring requirements) and a condition specifying a schedule for McIntosh to apply for a revision to its title V permit to reflect the new permit conditions. In this action, EPA proposes to approve Florida’s March 10, 2015, SIP submittal for the reasons discussed in Section II, below.

II. What is EPA’s Analysis of Florida’s Plan?

Florida’s March 10, 2015, SIP revision seeks to revise the State’s regional haze SIP to include a NOX BART emissions limit for McIntosh Unit 1 and a construction permit (DEP Permit No. 1050004–034–AC) dated April 30, 2014, for Unit 1 containing this limit. The SIP revision and construction permit establish a NOX BART emissions limit of 0.46 pounds per million British Thermal Unit (lb/MMBtu) of heat input on a 30-operating day rolling average for Unit 1 in accordance with Florida’s July 30, 2013, commitment letter and the NOX BART control determination. Florida set this limit by considering NOX emissions data for Unit 1 from 2001–2003, the baseline period used by the State as the basis for its BART determination for McIntosh. The permit states that the limit is effective no later than EPA’s approval of Florida’s March 10, 2015, regional haze SIP revision. Compliance with the BART NOX emissions limit will be demonstrated with a NOX CEMS that must comply with the certification and quality assurance, and other applicable requirements of Rule 62–297.520, F.A.C.; 40 CFR 60.13, including certification of each device in accordance with 40 CFR part 60, Appendix B, Performance Specifications and 40 CFR 60.7(a)(5); or 40 CFR part 75. Quality assurance procedures must conform to all applicable sections of 40 CFR part 60, Appendix F or 40 CFR part 75.

The construction permit also sets the deadlines for McIntosh to submit an application to revise its title V permit to include the NOX BART limit and supporting conditions for Unit 1. Section 2.8 of the permit states that the “permittee shall apply for the Title V permit revision within 180 days of U.S. EPA’s approval of the amendment to Florida’s Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP).”

EPA proposes to find that the March 10, 2015, SIP revision containing the NOX BART emissions limit and new permit conditions for Unit 1 fulfills Florida’s commitment to establish a NOX BART emissions limit for Unit 1 that reflects best operating practices for good combustion and to amend the facility’s title V permit to include the permit limit and supporting conditions. EPA has evaluated the CEMS data reported to EPA’s Clean Air Markets Division (CAMD) for Unit 1 from 2001–2003 and believes that the NOX BART emissions limit is consistent with the NOX BART control determination.

Therefore, EPA proposes to incorporate the NOX BART limit for Unit 1 and Air Permit No. 1050004–034–AC into Florida’s regional haze SIP.

III. Proposed Action

EPA is proposing to approve Florida’s March 10, 2015, regional haze SIP revision and revise the regional haze SIP to include the NOX BART emissions limit for Unit 1 described above and the April 30, 2014, construction permit containing this limit. EPA is proposing to approve Florida’s SIP submission because the submission meets the applicable regional haze requirements as set forth in the CAA and in EPA’s regional haze regulations and the applicable requirements of section 110 of the CAA. As discussed above, EPA fully approved Florida’s regional haze SIP on August 29, 2013. Today’s action does not reopen EPA’s final BART control determination for McIntosh Unit 1 or any other aspect of EPA’s August 29, 2013 final action.

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the Act and applicable Federal regulations. See 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 proposed action merely approves state law as meeting Federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements.

1 In that final action, EPA concluded that it “is reasonable for the State to implement a NOX BART emissions limit for Unit 1 upon EPA’s approval of the five-year regional haze periodic progress report ‘‘because of the limited visibility impact of NOX emissions from Unit 1 and because the BART limit will reflect the existing level of control.’’” 78 FR 53263.

2 FDEP’s July 30, 2013, commitment letter is located in the docket for today’s proposed action.

3 See July 22, 2015, email from Preston McLane, FDEP, to Lynorae Benjamin, EPA Region 4, located in the docket for today’s proposed action.

4 The docket for today’s proposed action contains the 2001–2003 CEMS data for Unit 1 from CAMD.
beyond those imposed by state law. For that reason, this proposed 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);
- 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 as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), nor will it impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

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