

in an evolutionary process to develop a set of data reports that the Commission and the Postal Service can agree add value to the question of how best to track and report on metrics that will ultimately lead to improvements in the service and efficiency of flats processing.” Response to CIR No. 1 at 3.

### III. Next Steps

Although the Postal Service discussed its data systems and proposed metrics for certain pinch points, the Postal Service did not explain how it will use this information to report on issues relating to flats. The Commission finds that measuring various cost and service impacts associated with flats will provide greater insight into the issues. Tracking these issues over time will assist the Commission and the Postal Service with developing solutions to reduce cost and improve service performance of flats. Reporting on these measures and tracking will enhance the transparency and ability of stakeholders with vested interests to participate in the development of a plan to improve flats cost and service issues.

At this stage in the docket, and given the information already provided by the Postal Service, the Commission seeks to better understand the data collected by the Postal Service and the capabilities of the systems that collect that data. In the information request filed along with this Order, the Commission requests that the Postal Service provide additional information about certain data systems and reports. The information request seeks, among other things, information about the capabilities of the data systems, information about planned improvements to the data systems, and ideas as to how certain data systems could be used to measure the impact on flats costs and service performance issues. The Commission also requests certain summary data reports that are available from the various data systems. Responses to the information request should be submitted no later than 60 days from the date of this Order. If the Postal Service identifies any other data or information that would be helpful to the goal of measuring cost and service impacts on flats, the Postal Service should also submit it with the requested information.

Once the information is received and analyzed, the Commission intends to schedule a technical conference to review the data submitted by the Postal Service and to better understand the capabilities of the Postal Service’s systems. As explained above, the Commission intends to use information provided by the Postal Service in this proceeding to develop a detailed

proposal of data enhancements and reporting requirements for consideration in this docket. The Commission will invite public comment on the detailed proposal before adopting any final rule. The Commission anticipates that this information will lead to the development of measurable goals to decrease the costs and improve the service performance of flats.

### IV. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2018–1 to explore data enhancements and to facilitate the development of consistent reporting requirements that will be used to evaluate the cost and service performance issues associated with flats.

2. Responses to the Commission Information Request No. 1, in this docket, should be provided 60 days from the date of this Order.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Katalin K. Clendenin to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Stacy L. Ruble,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R07–OAR–2017–0513; FRL–9968–11–Region 7]

#### Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve elements of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision from the State of Missouri for the 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and two state statutes into the SIP to address the requirements relating to conflicts of interest found in section 128 of the

Clean Air Act (CAA). Section 110 of the CAA requires that each state adopt and submit a SIP for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of each new or revised NAAQS promulgated by 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. In the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving the state’s SIP revisions as a direct final rule without a prior proposed rule. If we receive no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by November 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R07–OAR–2017–0513, to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document proposes to take action on State of Missouri Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. We have published a direct final rule approving the state’s SIP revisions in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**, because we view this as a

noncontroversial action and anticipate no relevant adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for this action in the preamble to the direct final rule. If we receive no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If we receive adverse comment, we will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. We would address all public comments in any subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We do not intend to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time. For further information, please see the information provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur dioxides.

Dated: September 27, 2017.

**Cathy Stepp**,

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0268; FRL 9969-09-Region 7]

#### Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Oxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve

elements of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision from the State of Missouri for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Section 110 of the CAA requires that each state adopt and submit a SIP for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of each new or revised NAAQS promulgated by 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. In the “Rules and Regulations” section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, we are approving the state’s SIP revisions as a direct final rule without a prior proposed rule. If we receive no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by November 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0268, to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document proposes to take action on the State of Missouri Infrastructure SIP revision for the 2010 NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. We have published a direct final rule approving the State’s SIP revision(s) in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, because we view this as a noncontroversial action and anticipate no relevant adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for this action in the preamble to the direct final rule. If we receive no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If we receive adverse comment, we will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. We would address all public comments in any subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We do not intend to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time. For further information, please see the information provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

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

Dated: September 27, 2017.

**Cathy Stepp**,

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.*

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