

- 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, 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 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 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).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by June 1, 2018. 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, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping

requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: March 9, 2018.

Alexis Strauss,

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)(500) to read as follows:

§ 52.220 Identification of plan-in part.

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(500) The following plan was submitted on February 28, 2017 by the Governor’s designee.

(i) *Incorporation by reference.* (A) Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District.

(1) Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Resolution #2017–01, adopted January 23, 2017.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R04–OAR–2017–0389; FRL–9976–20–Region 4]

Air Plan Approval; KY: Removal of Reliance on Reformulated Gasoline in the Kentucky Portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted on September 13, 2017, by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, through the Kentucky Division for Air Quality (KDAQ) in support of the Commonwealth’s separate petition requesting that EPA remove the federal reformulated gasoline (RFG) requirements for Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties in the Kentucky portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana 2008 8-hr ozone

maintenance area (hereinafter referred to as the “Northern Kentucky Area” or “Area”). The SIP revision revises the Commonwealth’s maintenance plan emissions inventory and associated motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs), for years 2020 and 2030, to remove reliance on emissions reductions from the federal RFG program requirements, a program that the Commonwealth voluntarily opted into in 1995. The SIP revision also includes a non-interference demonstration evaluating whether removing reliance on the RFG requirements in the Northern Kentucky Area would interfere with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act). EPA is approving this SIP revision and the corresponding non-interference demonstration because EPA determined that the revision is consistent with the applicable provisions of the CAA. Please note that this final rule does not remove the federal RFG requirement. On April 18, 2017, Kentucky’s Energy and Environment Cabinet submitted a separate petition to the EPA Administrator requesting to opt-out of the federal RFG program in the Northern Kentucky Area, and the Administrator will act on that petition in the near future.

DATES: This rule will be effective April 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA–R04–OAR–2017–0389 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the docket are listed on the www.regulations.gov website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, Confidential Business Information 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 either electronically through www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Air Regulatory Management Section, Air Planning and Implementation Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303–8960. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to schedule your inspection. The Regional Office’s official hours of business are Monday

through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dianna Myers, Air Regulatory Management Section, Air Planning and Implementation Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Ms. Myers can be reached via telephone at (404) 562-9207 or via electronic mail at *Myers.Dianna@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. What is the Background for this final action?

The Northern Kentucky Area was included in the Cincinnati-Hamilton Area, which was originally designated as a moderate nonattainment area for the 1-hour ozone standard on November 6, 1991 (56 FR 56694). In 1995, Kentucky voluntarily opted into the RFG program under Phase I of a two-phase nationwide program to reduce the volatility of commercial gasoline during the summer ozone season. Kentucky elected to stay in the program under Phase II which was more stringent than Phase I.

On July 18, 1997, EPA promulgated a revised 8-hour ozone standard of 0.08 parts per million (ppm). This standard was more stringent than the 1-hour ozone standard. On June 19, 2000 (65 FR 37879), the Cincinnati-Hamilton 1-hour nonattainment Area was redesignated as attainment for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS, and was considered to be a maintenance area subject to a CAA section 175A maintenance plan for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS. On April 30, 2004, EPA designated the Cincinnati-Hamilton OH-KY-IN Area under subpart 1 as a “basic” 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS nonattainment area (69 FR 23857).¹ On August 5, 2010 (75 FR 47218), the Kentucky portion of the Cincinnati-

Hamilton 1997 8-hour ozone area was redesignated to attainment.

On March 12, 2008, EPA revised both the primary and secondary NAAQS for ozone to a level of 0.075 ppm to provide increased protection of public health and the environment. See 73 FR 16436 (March 27, 2008). The 2008 ozone NAAQS retains the same general form and averaging time as the 0.08 ppm NAAQS set in 1997, but is set at a more protective level. Under EPA’s regulations at 40 CFR part 50, the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS is attained when the 3-year average of the annual fourth highest daily maximum 8-hour average ambient air quality ozone concentrations is less than or equal to 0.075 ppm. See 40 CFR 50.15.

Effective July 20, 2012, EPA designated any area that was violating the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS based on the three most recent years (2008–2010) of air monitoring data as a nonattainment area. See 77 FR 30088 (May 21, 2012). The Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN Area was designated as a marginal ozone nonattainment area. See 40 CFR 81.318. Areas that were designated as marginal nonattainment areas were required to attain the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS as expeditiously as possible but no later than July 20, 2015, based on 2012–2014 monitoring data. On May 4, 2016 (81 FR 26697), EPA published its determination that the Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN Area had attained the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS by the attainment deadline.

On August 26, 2016, Kentucky submitted a 2008 8-hour ozone redesignation request and maintenance plan for the Cincinnati-Hamilton Area, which EPA approved on July 5, 2017 (82 FR 30976).² With its redesignation request, Kentucky included a maintenance demonstration plan that estimated emissions through 2030 that modeled RFG because Kentucky previously opted into the RFG program.

In a September 13, 2017, SIP revision submittal, KDAQ updated the mobile (on-road and non-road) emissions inventory for the August 26, 2016, maintenance plan (including the MVEBs) to reflect Kentucky’s petition (see below) to opt-out of the RFG requirements for Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties in the Northern Kentucky Area. The updates were summarized in KDAQ’s submittal. On April 18, 2017, Kentucky’s Energy and Environment Cabinet submitted a petition to the EPA Administrator requesting to opt-out of the federal RFG program in the Northern Kentucky Area, and as stated above, the September 13, 2017, SIP revision was submitted in support of that petition (particularly the requirements of 40 CFR 80.72(b)(3) and (4)). Kentucky’s opt-out petition will be acted on by the Administrator in a separate action, and if approved in that separate action, will establish the effective date of the opt-out. EPA’s RFG regulations require that the opt-out cannot become effective less than 90 days from the effective date of this final action. EPA will also publish a notice in the **Federal Register** to notify the public of the approval and effective date of the opt-out (See 40 CFR 80.72(c)(7) and (d).)

In a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published on February 14, 2018 (83 FR 6496), EPA proposed to approve the September 13, 2017, SIP revision. The Agency did not receive any adverse comments on the NPRM.

II. Revised MVEBs

EPA is approving the changes in the September 13, 2017, SIP revision which includes updating the 2008 maintenance plan 2020 and 2030 MVEBs. The same criteria used to develop the MVEBs in the August 26, 2016, maintenance SIP are used for this SIP revision. The revised MVEBs for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) are outlined in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1—MVEBs FOR THE KENTUCKY PORTION OF CINCINNATI-HAMILTON, OH-KY-IN AREA
[Tons per summer day]

| | 2020 | | 2030 | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|
| | NO _x | VOC | NO _x | VOC |
| On-Road Emissions | 8.42 | 4.17 | 3.56 | 2.31 |
| Safety Margin ³ | 0.61 | 0.19 | 1.63 | .55 |

¹ The 1997 8-hour ozone area included in its entirety Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties in Kentucky and Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren Counties in Ohio; and a portion of Dearborn County in Indiana.

² The Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN Area is composed of portions of Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties in Kentucky; Butler, Clermont,

Clinton, Hamilton and Warren Counties in Ohio; and a portion of Dearborn County in Indiana. This action only pertains to the Kentucky portion of the maintenance area.

³ The safety margin is the difference between the attainment level of emissions (from all sources) and the projected level of emissions (from all sources) in the maintenance plan. KDAQ chose to allocate

a total of 2.24 tpd to the available NO_x safety margin and a total 0.74 tons per day of the available VOC safety margin. The transportation conformity rule provides for establishing safety margins for use in transportation conformity determinations. (See 40 CFR 93.124(a).)

TABLE 1—MVEBS FOR THE KENTUCKY PORTION OF CINCINNATI-HAMILTON, OH-KY-IN AREA—Continued
[Tons per summer day]

| | 2020 | | 2030 | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|
| | NO _x | VOC | NO _x | VOC |
| MVEBs with Safety Margin | 9.03 | 4.36 | 5.19 | 2.86 |

III. Final Action

EPA is approving Kentucky’s September 13, 2017, SIP revision seeking to revise the maintenance plan emissions inventory and associated MVEBs for years 2020 and 2030 to remove reliance on emissions reductions from the federal RFG program requirements; a program that the Commonwealth voluntarily opted into in 1995. The SIP revision also includes a non-interference demonstration evaluating whether removing reliance on the RFG requirements in the Northern Kentucky Area would interfere with the requirements of the CAA. Within 24 months from this final rule, the transportation partners will need to demonstrate conformity to the new NO_x and VOC MVEBs pursuant to 40 CFR 93.104(e)(3). For analysis years 2020 through 2029, the new 2020 MVEBs will be used, and for analysis years 2030 and beyond, the new 2030 MVEBs will be used.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(d), EPA finds that there is good cause for this action to become effective immediately upon publication. This is because a delayed effective date is unnecessary because this action approves a SIP revision and noninterference demonstration that serves as the basis of a subsequent action to relieve the Area from certain CAA requirements that would otherwise apply to it. The immediate effective date for this action is authorized under both 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1), which provides that rulemaking actions may become effective less than 30 days after publication if the rule grants or recognizes an exemption or relieves a restriction, and section 553(d)(3), which allows an effective date less than 30 days after publication as otherwise provided by the agency for good cause found and published with the rule. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period prescribed in section 553(d) is to give affected parties a reasonable time to adjust their behavior and prepare before the final rule takes effect. This rule however, does not create any new regulatory requirements such that affected parties would need time to prepare before the rule takes effect.

Rather, this rule will serve as a basis for a subsequent action to relieve the Area from certain CAA requirements. For these reasons, EPA finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) for this action to become effective on the date of publication of this 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. 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 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).

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.

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 of the United States. 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).

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 June 1, 2018. 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, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

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

Dated: March 21, 2018.
Onis “Trey” Glenn, III,
Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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 S—Kentucky

■ 2. Section 52.920(e) is amended by adding an entry for “Removal of Reliance on Reformulated Gasoline in the Kentucky portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH–KY–IN Area” at the end of the table to read as follows:

§ 52.920 Identification of plan.

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EPA-APPROVED KENTUCKY NON-REGULATORY PROVISIONS

| Name of non-regulatory SIP provision | Applicable geographic or nonattainment area | State submittal date/ effective date | EPA approval date | Explanations |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| * * * Removal of Reliance on Reformulated Gasoline in the Kentucky portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH–KY–IN Area. | * * * Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties (Kentucky portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton Area). | * * * 09/13/17 | * * * 4/2/2018 [Insert citation of publication]. | * * * |

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R04–OAR–2017–0500; FRL–9976–17–Region 4]

Air Plan Approval; Florida; Stationary Sources Emissions Monitoring

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to approve a portion of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on February 1, 2017, for the purpose of revising Florida’s requirements and procedures for emissions monitoring at stationary sources. Specifically, Florida’s February 1, 2017, SIP submittal includes amendments to three Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) rule sections, as well as the removal of one F.A.C. rule section from the Florida SIP, in order to eliminate redundant language and make updates to the requirements for emissions monitoring at stationary sources. Additionally, this action includes a correction to remove an additional F.A.C. rule that was previously approved by EPA for

removal from the SIP but was never removed. This action is being taken pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act).

DATES: This rule is effective May 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA–R04–OAR–2017–0500. All documents in the docket are listed on the www.regulations.gov website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, Confidential Business Information 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 either electronically through www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Air Regulatory Management Section, Air Planning and Implementation Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303–8960. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to schedule your inspection. The Regional Office’s official hours of business are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andres Febres, Air Regulatory Management Section, Air Planning and

Implementation Branch, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303–8960. The telephone number is (404) 562–8966. Mr. Febres can also be reached via electronic mail at febres-martinez.andres@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. What actions is EPA taking today?

On February 1, 2017, FDEP submitted to EPA for approval a SIP revision for the purpose of updating Florida’s requirements and procedures for emissions monitoring at stationary sources. Florida’s February 1, 2017, SIP revision includes amendments to three F.A.C. rule sections and the removal of one F.A.C. rule section from the Florida SIP. Specifically, these changes to Florida’s rules include the amendments of Rule 62–297.310, F.A.C.—“General Emissions Test Requirement;” Rule 62–297.440, F.A.C.—“Supplementary Test Procedures;” and Rule 62–297.450, F.A.C.—“EPA VOC Capture Efficiency Test Procedures.” In addition, Florida’s February 1, 2017, SIP submittal includes the removal of one of Florida’s rule sections from the SIP. Specifically, Florida requested to remove Rule 62–297.401, F.A.C.—“Compliance Test Methods” from the State’s implementation plan because it has been repealed at the state level, and, according to the submittal, the section is unnecessary, obsolete or duplicative of other F.A.C. Rules.