§ 165.T09–0248 Safety Zone; Algonac

2. Add § 165.T09–0248 to read as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

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


2. Add § 165.T09–0248 to read as follows:

§ 165.T09–0248 Safety Zone; Algonac Fireworks, St. Clair River, Algonac, MI.

(a) Location. A safety zone is establish to include all U.S. navigable waters of the St. Clair River, Algonac MI, within a 700-foot radius of position 42°37′1″ N, 82°31′36″ W (NAD 83).

(b) Enforcement period. The regulated area described in paragraph (a) will be enforced from 10 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. on June 29, 2018 and June 30, 2018.

(c) Regulations. (1) No vessel or person may enter, transit through, or anchor within the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Detroit (COTP) or his on-scene representative.

(2) The safety zone is closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the COTP or his on-scene representative.

(3) The “on-scene representative” of COTP is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer or a Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Detroit to act on his behalf.

(4) Vessel operators shall contact the COTP or his on-scene representative to obtain permission to enter or operate within the safety zone. The COTP or his on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16 or at (313) 568–9464. Vessel operators given permission to enter or operate in the regulated area must comply with all directions given to them by the COTP or his on-scene representative.


Jeffrey W. Novak,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Detroit.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; California Mobile Source Regulations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to approve a submittal by the State of California (“State”) to revise its State Implementation Plan (SIP). The submittal consists of State regulations establishing standards and other requirements relating to the control of emissions from new on-road and new and in-use off-road vehicles and engines (referred to herein as “mobile source regulations”) for which the EPA has previously issued waivers or authorizations under section 209(b) or section 209(e)(2), respectively, of the Clean Air Act (“Act” or CAA).

Our proposed rule provided background information concerning the CAA, national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS), SIPs, and other matters pertinent to this rulemaking. See 83 FR at 8403–8404. We noted in particular that a basic content requirement for SIPs is that they include enforceable emission limitations and other control measures, means, or techniques as may be necessary or appropriate to meet the applicable requirements of the CAA (see section 110(a)(2)(A)). We also noted that the EPA’s long-standing practice was to allow California emissions reductions credit for mobile source regulations for which the EPA had issued waivers or authorizations under section 209 but that had not been submitted or approved as part of the SIP. We noted that the EPA’s rationale for this long-standing practice was rejected by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Committee for a Better Arvin v. EPA, 786 F.3d 1169 (9th Cir. 2015) (Committee for a Better Arvin), and that the decision in Committee for a Better Arvin led to submittals by CARB of numerous mobile source regulations as SIP revisions on August 14, 2015, December 7, 2016, and June 15, 2017.

In our proposed rule, we described CARB’s June 15, 2017 SIP revision as consisting of the regulations themselves and documentation of the public airspace.
process conducted by CARB in approving the regulations as part of the California SIP. Specifically, the proposed rule included Table 1 (see below), which presents the contents of the SIP revision by mobile source category and provides, for each category, a listing of the relevant sections of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) that establish standards and other requirements for control of emissions from new on-road and new or in-use off-road vehicles or engines; the corresponding date of CARB’s hearing or Executive Officer action through which the regulations or amendments were adopted; and the notice of decision in which the EPA granted a waiver or authorization for the given set of regulations. For this final rule, we are republishing Table 1 from the proposed rule.

Table 1—CARB SIP Revision Submittal Summary

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<th>Source category</th>
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<td>In-Use Diesel-Fueled Transport Refrigeration Units (TRUs).</td>
<td>13 CCR sections 2477, 2477.1 through 2477.21, effective for State law purposes on October 15, 2012.</td>
<td>October 21, 2011 ...</td>
<td>82 FR 6525 (January 19, 2017).</td>
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The regulations submitted by CARB and listed in Table 1 incorporate by reference certain documents that establish test procedures and labeling specifications, among other things, and CARB submitted these documents as part of the overall SIP revision. In our proposed rule, we included a table (reproduced as Table 2 below) that listed the incorporated documents included in the SIP submittal. Our proposed rule also included a third table in which we described the applicability of the regulations listed in Table 1 above and summarized some of the key emissions control requirements contained in the rules. See 83 FR at 8303. In this action, we are approving the regulations in Table 1 and the test procedures and specifications in Table 2 as a revision to the California SIP.

Table 2—Documents Incorporated by Reference in CARB Regulations Listed in Table 1 and Submitted as Part of SIP Revision

On-Road Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines:
California Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures for 2004 and Subsequent Model Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines and Vehicles, as last amended October 12, 2011.

Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles and Engines:

In our proposed rule, we described how we evaluated the regulations and how we determined that the regulations meet all applicable CAA requirements for SIPs and SIP revisions. See 83 FR at 8406–8407. In short, we determined that:

- CARB has provided adequate public notice of a comment period and a hearing on the draft SIP revision prior to adoption and submittal to the EPA, and thereby complied with the applicable procedural requirements for SIP revisions under the CAA section 110(l) and 40 CFR 51.102;
- CARB has adequate legal authority to implement the regulations because state law so provides, because the regulations are not preempted under the CAA (due to the EPA’s grant of waivers or authorizations for them under CAA section 209), and because CARB is not otherwise prohibited by any provision of federal or state law from carrying out the regulations;
- The regulations include all the elements necessary to provide for practical enforceability, including clear applicability and exemption provisions, emissions standards and other requirements, test methods, recordkeeping and reporting provisions, and thereby establish enforceable emissions limitations as required under CAA section 110(a)(2)(A);
- CARB’s mobile source regulations achieve emissions reductions and thereby support the various reasonable further progress, attainment, and maintenance plans developed by California to meet CAA SIP requirements, and thus would not interfere with such CAA requirements for the purposes of CAA section 110(l);
- Given the longstanding nature of CARB’s mobile source program, and its documented effectiveness at achieving significant reductions from mobile sources, the State has adequate personnel and funding to carry out the mobile source regulations submitted for approval as part of the California SIP.

For more background information on the regulatory context for this final rule, and for additional detail on the SIP submittal itself, and our evaluation, please see our proposed rule.

II. Public Comments and EPA Responses

The EPA’s proposed rule, published at 83 FR 8403 (February 27, 2018), provided for a 30-day comment period. The EPA received fifteen anonymous
EPA Response to Comment #2: The specific paragraph in question was not submitted to the EPA as part of CARB’s June 15, 2017 SIP revision and thus is not subject to the EPA’s review and approval or disapproval at this time. We agree that CARB should submit the low sulfur fuel requirement for commercial harbor craft as part of the SIP if needed or relied upon to meet any CAA requirements, such as reasonable further progress or attainment demonstrations.

III. Final Action

Under section 110(k)(3) of the CAA, and for the reasons given in the proposed rule and summarized above, we are taking final action to approve a SIP revision submitted by CARB on June 15, 2017, that includes certain sections of title 13 and title 17 of the California Code of Regulations that establish standards and other requirements relating to the control of emissions from certain new and in-use on-road and off-road vehicles and engines. Tables 1 and 2 above list the regulations and related test procedures and other specifications we are approving in this action. We are approving the SIP revision because the regulations (and related test procedures and other specifications) included therein fulfill all relevant CAA requirements. This final action incorporates by reference the regulations into the federally enforceable SIP for the State of California.

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 of certain sections of title 13 and title 17 of the California Code of Regulations described in the amendments to 40 CFR part 52 set forth below. The EPA has made, and will continue to make, these materials generally available through www.regulations.gov and at the EPA Region IX Office (please contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this preamble for more information). Therefore, these materials have been approved by the EPA for inclusion in the SIP, have been incorporated by reference by the EPA into that plan, are fully federally enforceable under sections 110 and 113 of the CAA as of the effective date of the final rulemaking of EPA’s approval, and will be incorporated by reference in the next update to the SIP compilation.

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 Clean Air Act. 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, 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 jurisdiction. In those areas of Indian country, the rule does not have 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 July 17, 2018. A petition for judicial review may be filed, it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review nor does the Administrator of this final rule does not challenge 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, Carbon monoxide, 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.

Alexis Strauss,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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 52.220a is amended in paragraph (c) by:

a. In table 1:

i. Adding an entry for “1956.8(b)” after the entry for “1956.8(b), (c)(1)(A)(3), (d), and (h)(5)”; and

ii. Adding entries for “2477”, “2477.1”, “2477.2”, “2477.3”, “2477.4”, “2477.5”, “2477.6”, “2477.7”, “2477.8”, “2477.9”, “2477.10”, “2477.11”, “2477.12”, “2477.13”, “2477.14”, “2477.15”, “2477.16”, “2477.17”, “2477.18”, “2477.19”, “2477.20”, and “2477.21” after the entry for “2477”; and

v. Revising the entry for “03118.5, excluding (e)(1)” and

b. In table 2:

i. Adding an entry for “California Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures for 2004 and Subsequent Model Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines and Vehicles, as last amended October 12, 2011” after the entry for “California Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures for 2004 and Subsequent Model Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines, as last amended September 1, 2006”; and


The additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 52.220a Identification of plan—in part.

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<td>Airborne Toxic Control Measure for In-Use Diesel-Fueled Transport Refrigeration Units (TRU) and TRU Generator Sets, and Facilities Where TRUs Operate.</td>
<td>10/15/2012</td>
<td>[Insert Federal Register citation], 5/18/2018.</td>
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1 Table 1 lists EPA-approved California statutes and regulations incorporated by reference in the applicable SIP. Table 2 of paragraph (c) lists approved California test procedures, test methods and specifications that are cited in certain regulations listed in table 1. Approved California statutes that are nonregulatory or quasi-regulatory are listed in paragraph (e).

Table 2—EPA-Approved California Test Procedures, Test Methods, and Specifications

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Transportation Security Administration

49 CFR Part 1552
[Docket No. TSA—2004–19147]
RIN 1652–AA35
Flight Training for Aliens and Other Designated Individuals; Security Awareness Training for Flight School Employees; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: Interim final rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is reopening the comment period for the interim final rule (IFR) that established the Alien Flight Student Program (AFSP). TSA is in the process of finalizing the IFR with modifications to improve the efficiency and efficacy of this program consistent with regulatory reform requirements of Executive Orders (E.O.) 13771 (Jan. 30, 2017) and 13777 (Feb. 24, 2017). To ensure TSA has adequately considered relevant options, we are reopening the comment period on the IFR. In particular, TSA is requesting comments on three types of issues: Scope of security threat assessments (STAs), including who should receive them and the frequency of such assessments; options for reducing the burden of recordkeeping requirements, including the use of electronic records; and sources of data on costs and other programmatic impacts of the rule. TSA is reopening the comment period for an additional 30 days.

DATES: The comment period for the interim final rule published at 69 FR 56324 (Sept. 20, 2004), is reopened. Comments must be received by June 18, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the TSA docket number to this rulemaking, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Johannes Knudsen (TSA Alien Flight Student Program) at telephone (571) 227–2188, or David Ross (TSA Office of Chief Counsel) at telephone (571) 227–2465, or email to afsp.help@tsa.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Comments Invited

TSA published an IFR, with request for comments, in 2004 to establish requirements for alien flight training and security awareness training for flight school employees.1 TSA evaluated all public comments received on the IFR, whether received before or after the original comment period closed on October 20, 2004. It is not necessary for commenters to resubmit issues previously raised, but TSA believes reopening the comment period is advisable to obtain updated information and perspectives from regulated entities on the impact of the regulation.

TSA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. See ADDRESSES above for information on where to submit comments. In general, TSA seeks comments on the broad areas outlined within this notice. TSA also seeks comments on how this rulemaking could be modified to maximize benefits while reducing excessive, unjustified, or unnecessary costs. We also invite comments relating to the current economic, environmental, energy, or federalism impacts of this regulation.

TSA asks that commenters provide as much information as possible. Whenever possible, please provide citations and copies of any relevant studies or reports on which you rely, as well as any additional data which supports your comment. It is also helpful to explain the basis and reasoning underlying your comment.

TSA appreciates all information provided. While complete answers are preferable, we recognize providing detailed comments on every question could be burdensome and will consider all comments, regardless of whether the response is complete. TSA does not expect every commenter will be able to answer every question. Please respond to those questions you feel able to answer or that address your particular issue.

TSA encourages responses from all interested entities, not just flight schools and the applicants for flight training. If, however, you are not directly subject to this regulation or its requirements, please explain your interest in this rulemaking and how your comments may assist in TSA’s development of the final rule.

2 Public Law 108–176, 117 Stat. 2490, 2572 (Dec. 12, 2003). This provision required TSA to establish a process to implement the requirements of Sec. 612(a), including the fee provisions, not later than 60 days after the enactment of the Act.

General Instructions for Submitting Comments

All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. With the exception of items requiring special handling, all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov.

Handling of Confidential or Proprietary Information and SSI Submitted in Public Comments

Do not submit comments to the public regulatory docket that contain trade secrets, confidential commercial or financial information, or sensitive security information (SSI). Please contact afsp.help@tsa.dhs.gov for instructions on how to submit information requiring special handling. TSA will not place such information in the public docket and will handle them in accordance with applicable safeguards and restrictions on access.

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Reviewing Comments in the Docket

For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to http://www.regulations.gov. The docket for this rulemaking currently includes the 2004 IFR and all comments received on that rulemaking.

II. Background

TSA published the 2004 IFR to fulfill the requirement in Sec. 612(a) of the Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act.2 The IFR created part 1552, Flight Schools, in title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The regulation applies to flight schools and to individuals who apply for or receive flight training. TSA issued exemptions and clarifications in response to comments on the regulation and questions raised during operation of...