

conduct a public process and make an affirmative decision on the adequacy of these budgets before they can be used by metropolitan planning organizations in conformity determinations. As a result of this finding, upon the effective date of this notification of adequacy, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council must use these budgets in future transportation conformity determinations. The budgets are contained in New York's November 10, 2017, state implementation plan submittal for the 2008 ozone NAAQS and are associated with the reasonable further progress milestone demonstration.

**DATES:** This finding is effective June 25, 2018.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Throughout this document, whenever "we," "us," or "our" is used, we mean the EPA.

This document is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 2 sent a letter to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on April 19, 2018, stating that the 2017 motor vehicle emissions budgets ("budgets") in the submitted state implementation plan ("SIP") for the 2008 national ambient air quality standard for ozone for the New York portions of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island 8-hour ozone nonattainment area are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. These budgets are associated with the SIP's reasonable further progress milestone demonstration and must apply to future transportation conformity determinations conducted by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council ("NYMTC").

On November 10, 2017, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation submitted a SIP revision for the New York portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT, 2008 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. This revision to the SIP included 2017 summer day volatile organic compound ("VOC") and nitrogen oxides ("NO<sub>x</sub>") motor vehicle emissions budgets associated with the SIP's reasonable further progress demonstration. We announced availability of the plan and related budgets on the EPA's transportation conformity website on December 6, 2017, requesting comments by January

5, 2018. We received no comments in response to the adequacy review posting.

This finding will also be available at the EPA's conformity website: <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/conformity-adequacy-review-region-2>.

The motor vehicle emissions budgets are provided in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1—2017 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS BUDGETS FOR NYMTC  
[Tons per year]

Year	VOC	NO <sub>x</sub>
2017	65.69	117.21

Transportation conformity is required by Clean Air Act section 176(c). The EPA's conformity rule requires that long-range transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, and transportation projects conform to a state's air quality SIP and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they conform. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the NAAQS.

The criteria the EPA uses to determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). We have further described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in 40 CFR 93.118(f), and we followed this rule in making our adequacy determination. Please note that an adequacy review is separate from the EPA's completeness review and should not be used to prejudice the EPA's ultimate action on the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 93.104(e), within 2 years of the effective date of this document, NYMTC and the U.S. Department of Transportation will need to demonstrate conformity to the new budgets. For demonstrating conformity to the budgets in this plan, the on-road motor vehicle emissions from implementation of the long-range transportation plan should be projected consistently with the budgets in this plan.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671 q.

Dated: April 30, 2018.

**Peter D. Lopez,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 2.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R07-OAR-2018-0319; FRL-9979-11—Region 7]

### Adequacy Determination for the St. Louis Area 2008 8-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance State Implementation Plan, Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for Transportation Conformity Purposes; State of Missouri

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

**ACTION:** Notification of adequacy determination.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the EPA is notifying the public that the St. Louis area 2008 8-hour ozone redesignation request and maintenance plan motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result, these budgets must be used by the State of Missouri for future transportation conformity determinations for the St. Louis area.

**DATES:** This finding is effective June 22, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heather Hamilton, at (913) 551-7039, by email at [Hamilton.heather@epa.gov](mailto:Hamilton.heather@epa.gov), or by mail at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Throughout this document "we," "us," or "our" refer to EPA. The word "budget(s)" refers to the motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides. For the purposes of this document, "SIP" refers to the St. Louis Area 2008 8-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance State Implementation Plan, submitted by Missouri Department of Natural Resources to EPA as a SIP revision on September 12, 2016. The Plan was revised on February 16, 2018.

This document is an announcement of a finding that EPA has already made. EPA Region 7 sent a letter to Missouri Department of Natural Resources on May 15, 2018, stating that the MVEBs contained in the Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of EPA's finding, the State of Missouri must use the MVEBs from the February 16, 2018, Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for

future transportation conformity determinations for the St. Louis area. The finding is available at EPA's conformity website: <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation>.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedure for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it should not be used to prejudice EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. EPA plans to take action on the SIP at a later date. We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in 40 CFR 93.118(f), and have followed this rule in making our adequacy determination.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

Dated: May 25, 2018.

**James B. Gulliford,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 7.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Parts 52, 62, and 70

[EPA–R07–OAR–2017–0470; FRL 9979–10–Region 7]

### State of Iowa; Approval and Promulgation of the State Implementation Plan, the 111(d) Plan and the Operating Permits Program

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to approve revisions to the Iowa State Implementation Plan (SIP), the 111(d) plan, and the Operating Permits Program. These revisions update and clarify rules and make minor revisions and corrections. Approval of these revisions will ensure consistency

between the state and federally-approved rules, and ensure Federal enforceability of the state's revised air program rules.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective on July 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–R07–OAR–2017–0470. 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, *i.e.*, 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 information.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to EPA. This section provides additional information by addressing the following:

- I. Background
- II. What is being addressed in this document?
- III. Have the requirements for approval of the SIP, 111(d) Plan, and Operating Permit Plan Revisions been met?
- IV. EPA's Response to Comments
- V. What action is EPA taking?
- VI. Incorporation by Reference
- VII. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

#### I. Background

On September 15, 2017, EPA proposed to approve revisions to the Iowa State Implementation Plan (SIP), the 111(d) plan, and the Operating Permits Program. *See* 82 FR 43315. In conjunction with the September 15, 2017 notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR), EPA issued a direct final rule (DFR) approving revisions to the Iowa SIP, the 111(d) plan, and the Operating Permits Program. *See* 82 FR 43303. In the DFR, EPA stated that if adverse comments were submitted to EPA by October 16, 2017, the action would be withdrawn and not take effect.

EPA received three comments prior to the close of the comment period; one in support of the rule revisions and two of which were adverse. EPA withdrew the DFR on November 14, 2017. *See* 82 FR

52667. This action is a final rule based on the NPR. A detailed discussion of Iowa's SIP revisions, the 111(d) plan revision, and the Operating Permits Program revisions were provided in the DFR and will not be restated here, except to the extent relevant to our response to the public comment we received.

#### II. What is being addressed in this document?

EPA is taking final action to approve revisions to the Iowa SIP, the 111(d) plan, and the Operating Permits Program. These revisions update and clarify rules and make minor revisions and corrections. Approval of these revisions will ensure consistency between the state and federally-approved rules, and ensure Federal enforceability of the state's revised air program rules. Chapters with revisions are as follows:

- Chapter 20—Scope of Title-Definitions
- Chapter 21—Compliance
- Chapter 22—Controlling Pollution \*
- Chapter 23—Emission Standards for Contaminants
- Chapter 25—Measurement of Emissions
- Chapter 26—Prevention of Emergency Pollution Episodes
- Chapter 27—Certificate of Acceptance
- Chapter 28—Ambient Air Quality Standards
- Chapter 31—Nonattainment Areas
- Chapter 33—Special Regulations and Construction Permit Requirements for Major Stationary Sources—Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) of Air Quality

\* Title V Operating Permit Program rules are included in chapter 22 starting at 22.100.

#### III. Have the requirements for approval of the SIP, 111(d) Plan, and Operating Permit Plan Revisions been met?

The state submittal has met the public notice requirements for SIP submissions in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102. The submittal also satisfied the completeness criteria of 40 CFR part 51, appendix V. In addition, as explained above and in more detail in the TSD which is part of this docket, these revisions meet the substantive SIP requirements of the CAA, including section 110 and implementing regulations. These revisions are also consistent with applicable EPA requirements of the 111(d) plan submission and Title V of the CAA and 40 CFR part 70.