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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements; Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving elements of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) submission from Connecticut regarding the infrastructure requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) for the 2012 fine particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and a SIP submission addressing interstate transport requirements of the CAA for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS. In addition, we are approving one statute included in these substantive areas separately. A table of contents is available below.

DATES: This rule is effective on August 31, 2018.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identiﬁcation No. EPA–R01–OAR–2017–0065. 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 at https://www.regulations.gov or at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA New England Regional Ofﬁce, Ofﬁce of Ecosystem Protection, Air Quality Planning Unit, 5 Post Ofﬁce Square—Suite 100, Boston, MA.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document whenever “we,” “us,” or “our” is used, we mean EPA.

I. Background and Purpose

On March 19, 2018 (83 FR 11933), EPA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for the State of Connecticut. The NPRM proposed approval of three formal SIP submissions from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP). These included a SIP revision addressing the “Good Neighbor” (or “transport”) (Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) of the CAA) provisions for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS submitted on August 19, 2011, and an infrastructure SIP (including the transport provisions) for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS submitted on December 14, 2015. In addition, on October 18, 2017, CT DEEP submitted a SIP revision addressing applicable requirements for the PSD permit program in Part C of the CAA that are codiﬁed in 40 CFR 51.166. This rulemaking does not cover three substantive areas that are not integral to acting on a state’s infrastructure SIP submission: (i) Existing provisions related to excess emissions during periods of start-up, shutdown, or malfunction at sources ("SSM" emissions) that may be contrary to the CAA and EPA’s policies addressing such excess emissions; (ii) existing provisions related to “director’s variance” or “director’s discretion” that purport to permit revisions to SIP-approved emissions limits with limited public process or without requiring further approval by EPA, that may be contrary to the CAA ("director’s discretion"); and, (iii) existing provisions for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) programs that may be inconsistent with current requirements of EPA’s “Final New Source Review (NSR) Improvement Rule,” 67 FR 80186 (December 31, 2002), as amended by 72 FR 32526 (June 13, 2007) ("NSR Reform"). Instead, EPA has the authority to address each one of these substantive areas separately. A
detailed history, interpretation, and rationale for EPA’s approach to infrastructure SIP requirements can be found in EPA’s May 13, 2014, proposed rule entitled, “Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead NAAQS” in the section. “What is the scope of this rulemaking?” See 79 FR 27241 at 27242–45.

The rationale for EPA’s proposed action is explained in the NPR and will not be restated here.

II. Response to Comments

EPA received 12 comments during the comment period, three of which are essentially identical. The nine distinct comments discuss subjects outside the scope of an infrastructure SIP action, do not explain (or provide a legal basis for) how the proposed action should differ in any way, and make no specific mention of the proposed action. As such, they are not germane.

Only the three identical comments make direct reference to the proposed rule or to Connecticut’s SIP, but even these comments lack specificity and are unclear. They state that, “as much as the rule gives clear mandate and responsibility of the state in SIP [sic], it does not give out the responsibilities of other agencies and stakeholders in absolute terms.” The comments, however, provide no further explanation for this statement, such as articulating what particular “responsibilities” the SIP should, but does not currently, “give out,” offering any “absolute terms” to be included, or providing any specifics regarding the “other agencies and stakeholders.” Moreover, it is not even clear that the commenter(s) opposes EPA’s proposed approval of Connecticut’s submittals. In short, most of the comments are not germane and none of them provide a cogent explanation of how the proposed action should differ in any way nor any relevant legal basis for any changes. Consequently, the comments require no further response, and we are finalizing the action as proposed.

III. Final Action

EPA is approving Connecticut’s infrastructure SIP submittal for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS, as well as the transport provisions (CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I)) of the state’s infrastructure SIP submittal for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS as revisions to the Connecticut SIP. EPA is also approving, into the Connecticut SIP, revisions to the PSD permit program pertaining to treating NOx as a precursor to ozone (RCRA Section 7475(a)(1) and establishing a minor source baseline date for PM2.5 (RCRA Section 22a–174–1(71)). Additionally, EPA is approving revised CGS section 16a–21a, “Sulfur content of home heating oil and off-road diesel fuel. Suspension of requirements for emergency. Enforcement,” effective July 1, 2015. Finally, we are converting to full approval the June 3, 2016 conditional approval of Connecticut’s infrastructure SIP submittals for the PSD-related requirements in section 110(a)(2)(C), (D)(i)(II), and J for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5, 1997 and 2006 ozone, 2008 lead, 2010 nitrogen dioxide, and 2010 sulfur dioxide NAAQS.

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 the General Statutes of Connecticut and state regulations described in the amendments to 40 CFR part 52 set forth below. Specifically, EPA is finalizing the incorporation by reference of Connecticut General Statute Title 16a, Chapter 296, Section 16a–21a, and state regulations, namely the provisions at Regulation 22a–174–1(71) and at 22a–174–3a(k)(1)(C). The EPA has made, and will continue to make, these documents generally available through https://www.regulations.gov and at the EPA Region 1 Office (please contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this preamble for more information).

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, 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
• 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 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 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. 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 October 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, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: July 26, 2018.

Alexandra Dunn,
Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1.

Part 52 of 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 H—Connecticut

2. Section 52.370 is amended by adding paragraphs (c)(103)(i)(C) and (c)(118) to read as follows:

§ 52.370 Identification of plan.

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§ 52.380 [Amended]

3. Section 52.380 is amended by:

a. Under paragraph (e)(2), removing the text “Note 1 to paragraphs (f) through (h)” and adding in its place “Note 1 to paragraphs (f) through (g);” and

b. Removing and reserving paragraph (i).

4. In §52.385, Table 52.385 is amended by adding entries for state citations 22a–174–1 and 22a–174–3a in numerical order by state citation and date approved by EPA and revising the entry for state citation Section 16a–21a to read as follows:

§ 52.385 EPA-approved Connecticut regulations.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 180

Titanium dioxide; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This regulation amends the exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of titanium dioxide (CAS Reg. No. 13463–67–7) when used as an inert ingredient in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops to allow for use as a carrier. SciReg, Inc., on behalf of Bayer CropScience Biologics GmbH, submitted a petition to EPA under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), requesting establishment of an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance. This regulation eliminates the need to establish a maximum permissible level for residues of titanium dioxide resulting from this use.

DATES: This regulation is effective August 1, 2018.

B. How can I get electronic access to other related information?


C. How can I file an objection or hearing request?

Under FFDCA section 408(g), 21 U.S.C. 346a, any person may file an objection to any aspect of this regulation and may also request a hearing on those objections. You must file your objection or request a hearing on this regulation in accordance with the instructions provided in 40 CFR part 178. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, you must identify docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPP–2018–0150 in the subject line on the first page of your submission. All objections and requests for a hearing must be in writing, and must be received by the Hearing Clerk on or before October 1, 2018. Addresses for mail and hand delivery of objections and hearing requests are provided in 40 CFR 178.25(b).

In addition to filing an objection or hearing request with the Hearing Clerk as described in 40 CFR part 178, please submit a copy of the filing (excluding any Confidential Business Information (CBI)) for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential pursuant to 40 CFR part 2 may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. Submit the non-CBI copy of your objection or hearing request, identified by docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPP–2018–0150, by one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

• Mail: OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001.

• Hand Delivery: To make special arrangements for hand delivery or...