PART 183—[REMOVED]

Accordingly, by the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, 32 CFR part 183 is removed.

Dated: August 20, 2018.

Aaron T. Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York; Fuel Composition and Use—Sulfur Limitations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a revision to the New York State Implementation Plan (SIP) concerning sulfur-in-fuel limits. The intended effect of this revision is to add a regulatory mechanism for meeting the existing obligations related to regional haze. The SIP revision consists of amendments to Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations and also removes obsolete provisions from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) relating to New York’s sulfur-in-fuel regulation.

DATES: This final rule is effective on September 24, 2018.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 183

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II. EPA's Evaluation of New York's Submittal

On June 12, 2013, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) submitted to the EPA the proposed revisions to Section 200.1 and Subpart 225–1 and supplemental materials, including documentation of the comment period and public hearings, and NYSDEC's responses to public comments. These materials are in the EPA's docket for this proposal. On June 26, 2018 (83 FR 29723) EPA proposed approval of New York's SIP revision consisting of amendments to Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations Subpart 225–1, “Fuel Composition and Use—Sulfur Limitations” and Section 200.1, “Definitions.” EPA also proposed to remove an obsolete provision from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) related to facility specific sulfur-in-fuel limits. A detailed discussion of the revised sulfur-in-fuel limits, exceptions, and variances and EPA’s evaluation of the revisions to Subpart 225–1 and to the CFR can be found in the June 26, 2018 proposal and will not be restated here.

III. Comments Received in Response to EPA’s Proposed Action

In response to EPA’s June 26, 2018 proposed approval of the revisions to Section 200.1, Subpart 225–1 and the CFR, EPA received one comment from the public during the 30-day public comment period. After reviewing the comment, EPA determined that the comment is outside the scope of our proposed action or fails to identify any material issue necessitating a response. The comment does not raise issues germane to the EPA’s proposed action. For this reason, EPA will not provide a specific response to the comment. The comment may be viewed under Docket ID Number EPA–R02–OAR–2016–0414 on the http://www.regulations.gov website.

IV. Summary of EPA’s Final Action

The EPA is approving the revisions to New York's Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations Section 200.1. “Definitions,” and Subpart 225–1, “Fuel Composition and Use—Sulfur Limitations,” both effective on April 5, 2013, into New York's SIP as strengthening enforcement of the State’s air pollution control regulations.

Exceptions or variances adopted by New York pursuant to the provisions of sections 225.1.3 and 225.1.4(b) are federally enforceable only if approved by the EPA as SIP revisions.

In addition, EPA has determined that the provisions in New York’s SIP at 40 CFR 52.1675(d), (f) and (g) have either expired or the affected sources have shut down and that the 52.1675 requirements are therefore superfluous and obsolete. The EPA is removing the provisions of 52.1675(d), (f) and (g) from the SIP. The EPA is also revising 40 CFR 52.1675(e) to conform with the new nomenclature in New York’s revised Subpart 225–1 that is being approved with this action.

V. Incorporation by Reference

In this rule, EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, EPA is finalizing the incorporation by reference of the provisions described above in Section IV of this action. EPA has made, and will continue to make, these materials generally available through https://www.regulations.gov and at the EPA Region 2 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 EPA for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan, have been incorporated by reference by EPA into that plan, are fully federally enforceable under sections 110 and 113 of the Clean Air Act 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.

VI. 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 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 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 22, 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, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides.

Dated: August 8, 2018.
Peter D. Lopez, Regional Administrator, Region 2.

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 HH—New York

2. In §52.1670, the table in paragraph (c) is amended by revising two entries entitled “Title 6, Part 200, Subpart 200.1” and “Title 6, Part 225, Subpart 225–1” to read as follows:

§52.1670 Identification of plan.

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(c) * * *

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<td>The word odor is removed from the Subpart 200.1(d) definition of “air contaminant or air pollutant.” Redesignation of non-attainment areas to attainment areas (200.1(av)) does not relieve a source from compliance with previously applicable requirements as per letter of Nov. 13, 1981 from H. Hovey, NYSDEC. Changes in definitions are acceptable to EPA unless a previously approved definition is necessary for implementation of an existing SIP regulation. EPA is including the definition of “federally enforceable” with the understanding that (1) the definition applies to provisions of a Title V permit that are correctly identified as federally enforceable, and (2) a source accepts operating limits and conditions to lower its potential to emit to become a minor source, not to “avoid” applicable requirements. EPA is approving incorporation by reference of those documents that are not already federally enforceable. EPA approval finalized at [Insert Federal Register citation].</td>
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<td>• Exceptions or Variances adopted by the State pursuant to §§225.1.3 and 1.4(b) become applicable only if approved by EPA as SIP revisions (40 CFR §52.1675(e)). • EPA approval finalized at [Insert Federal Register citation].</td>
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3. Amend §52.1675 by:

a. Removing and reserving paragraph (d);
b. Revising paragraph (e); and
c. Removing paragraphs (f) and (g).
The revisions read as follows:

§52.1675 Control strategy and regulations: Sulfur oxides.

(d) [Reserved]

(e) Any exception or variance promulgated by the Commissioner under 6 NYCRR Sections 225–1.3 and 1.4(b) shall not exempt any person from the requirements otherwise imposed by 6 NYCRR Subpart 225–1; provided that the Administrator may approve such exception or variance as a plan revision when the provisions of this part, section 110 (a)(3)(A) of the Act, and 40 CFR part 51 (relating to approval of and revisions to State implementation plans) have been satisfied with respect to such exception or variance.

DATES: This final rule is effective on September 24, 2018.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–R07–OAR–2018–0307. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Crable, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219 at (913) 851–7391, or by email at crable.gregory@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

I. What is being addressed in this document?

II. Have the requirements for approval of a SIP revision been met?

I. What is being addressed in this document?

EPA is taking final action to approve revisions to the SIP submitted by the State of Nebraska on August 28, 2014. This action will amend the SIP by revising chapter 1, Definitions of Terms; chapter 2, Filings and Correspondence; chapter 3, Public Records Availability; chapter 4, Public Records Confidentiality; chapter 5, Public Hearings; chapter 7, Contested Cases; chapter 8, Emergency Proceeding Hearings; chapter 9, Declaratory Rulings; and chapter 10, Rulemaking. Also, this action approves the revision to the title 115 chapters for sections 2, 4, 8, 9 and 10. No revisions are being made to chapter 6, Voluntary Compliance. Chapter 11, Variances, is being deleted. The revisions to title 115 are numerous and can be found in the August 28, 2014 State submission which is part of the docket.

Specifically, the changes to chapters 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 and 10 conform regulatory language to the Attorney General’s model rules. Revisions to chapters 3 and 5 better describe the procedures already in place by practice for obtaining public records and public hearings on permit decisions or fact-finding hearings that are required by law. Revisions to chapter 4 clarify the procedures for asserting a claim of confidentiality trade secrets. Finally, chapter 11 is being deleted from title 115 because it is duplicative and found in chapter 33 of title 129.

EPA is approving these revisions as they are not fundamentally different from a procedural standpoint from existing rules. These revisions do not impact air quality. The revisions do not revise emission limits or procedures, nor do they impact the state’s ability to attain or maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

I. What is being addressed in this document?

The state submission has met the public notice requirements for SIP submissions in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102. The revised title 115 chapters were placed on public notice on January 30, 2004, and a public hearing was held by the NDEQ on March 5, 2004. During the public hearing NDEQ received three comments. NDEQ addressed each of the comments and made no change to the rule based on comments received. The submission also satisfied the completeness criteria of 40 CFR part 51, appendix V. In addition, as explained above, and as demonstrated in the documents in the docket, the revisions meet the substantive SIP requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA), including section 110 and implementing regulations.