

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders.

A. Impact on Small Entities

The regulatory flexibility analysis provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, do not apply to rules that are not subject to notice and comment. Because the Coast Guard has, for good cause, waived the notice and comment requirement that would otherwise apply to this rulemaking, the Regulatory Flexibility Act's flexibility analysis provisions do not apply here.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), if this rule will affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards by calling 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

B. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

C. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in that Order.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

As required by The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538), the Coast Guard certifies

that this rule will not result in an annual expenditure of \$100,000,000 or more (adjusted for inflation) by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector.

E. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment.

This rule is a safety zone. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

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

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.4.

- 2. Add § 165.T08–0959 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08–0959 Safety Zone; Fireworks Display, Ohio River, Follansbee, WV.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All navigable waters on the Ohio River between mile marker 70 and mile marker 71.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, *designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Pittsburgh (COTP) in the enforcement of the safety zone.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of

this part, you may not enter the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative on VHF–FM channel 16 or by telephone at (206) 815–6624. Those in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on August 1, 2026.

Michael W. Metz,

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, MSU Pittsburgh.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R01–OAR–2026–2245; FRL–13485–01–R1]

Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule; administrative change.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is updating the materials that are incorporated by reference (IBR) into the Rhode Island State Implementation Plan (SIP). The regulations affected by this update have been previously submitted by the State of Rhode Island and approved by the EPA. In this final rule, the EPA is also notifying the public of corrections and clarifying changes in the Code of Federal Regulations tables that identify the materials incorporated by reference into the Rhode Island SIP. This update affects the materials that are available for public inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration and the EPA Regional Office.

DATES: This rule is effective on July 31, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The SIP materials for which incorporation by reference into 40 CFR part 52 is finalized through this action are available for inspection at the following location: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Region 1 Regional Office, Air and Radiation Division, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, MA. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the contact

listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to schedule your inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Meredith Gutierrez, Air and Radiation Division (Mail Code 5–MD), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region 1, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02109–3912; telephone number: (617) 918–1193, or by email at gutierrez.meredith@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

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I. Background

Each State has a SIP containing the control measures and strategies used to attain and maintain the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The SIP is extensive, containing such elements as air pollution control regulations, emission inventories, monitoring networks, attainment demonstrations, and enforcement mechanisms.

Each State must formally adopt the control measures and strategies in the SIP after the public has had an opportunity to comment on them and then submit the proposed SIP revisions to the EPA. Once these control measures and strategies are approved by the EPA, and after notice and comment, they are incorporated into the federally approved SIP and are identified in part 52, “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans,” of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR part 52). The full text of the State regulation approved by the EPA is not reproduced in its entirety in 40 CFR part 52 but is “incorporated by reference.” This means that the EPA has approved a given State regulation or specified changes to the given regulation with a specific effective date. The public is referred to the location of the full text version should they want to know which measures are contained in a given SIP. The information provided allows the EPA and the public to monitor the extent to which a State implements a SIP to attain and maintain the NAAQS and to take enforcement action for violations of the SIP.

The SIP is a living document which the State can revise as necessary to address the unique air pollution problems in the State. Therefore, the EPA from time to time must take action on proposed revisions containing new or revised State regulations. A submission from a State can revise one or more rules in their entirety, or portions of rules. The State indicates the changes in the submission (such as by using redline/strikethrough text) and the EPA then takes action on the requested changes. The EPA establishes a docket for its actions using a unique Docket Identification Number, which is listed in each action. These dockets and the complete submission are available for viewing on www.regulations.gov.

On May 22, 1997 (62 FR 27968), the EPA revised the procedures for incorporating by reference, into the CFR, materials approved by the EPA into each SIP. These changes revised the format for the identification of the SIP in 40 CFR part 52, streamlined the mechanisms for announcing the EPA approval of revisions to a SIP, and streamlined the mechanisms for the EPA’s updating of the IBR information contained for each SIP in 40 CFR part 52. The revised procedures also called for the EPA to maintain “SIP Compilations” that contain the federally approved regulations and source specific permits submitted by each State agency.

The EPA generally updates these SIP Compilations every few years. Under the revised procedures, the EPA must periodically publish an informational document in the rules section of the **Federal Register** notifying the public that updates have been made to a SIP Compilation for a particular State. The EPA began applying the 1997 revised procedures to the Rhode Island SIP on August 9, 1999 (64 FR 43083), with additional updates to IBR information on July 14, 2006 (71 FR 40014) and November 24, 2008 (73 FR 70873). In this action, Region 1 is updating the SIP Compilation for IBR information since November 24, 2008.

A. Added Regulations

- Air Pollution Control General Definitions Regulation: General Definitions
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 44: Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Adhesives and Sealants
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 49: Transportation Conformity
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 51: Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing

- Rhode Island General Laws, Title 23, Chapter 23–23: Air Pollution
- Rhode Island General Laws, Title 23, Chapter 23–23.1: Air Pollution Episode Control
- Rhode Island General Laws, Title 36, Chapter 36–14: Code of Ethics

B. Revised Regulations

- Air Pollution Control Regulation 1: Visible Emissions
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 3: Particulate Emissions from Industrial Processes
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 4: Open Fires
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 6: Continuous Emission Monitors
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 7: Emission of Air Contaminants Detrimental to Persons or Property
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 8: Sulfur Content of Fuels
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 9: Air Pollution Control Permits
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 11: Petroleum Liquids Marketing and Storage
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 12: Incinerators
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 14: Recordkeeping and Reporting
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 15: Control of Organic Solvent Emissions
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 19: Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Surface Coating Operations
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 21: Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Printing Operations
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 25: Control of VOC Emissions from Cutback and Emulsified Asphalt
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 26: Control of Organic Solvent Emissions from Manufacturers of Synthesized Pharmaceutical Products
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 27: Control of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 30: Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Automobile Refinishing Operations
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 31: Control of VOCs from Commercial and Consumer Products
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 32: Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Marine Vessel Loading Operations
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 33: Control of VOCs from Architectural Coatings and Industrial Maintenance Coatings
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 34: Rhode Island Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance Program
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 35: Control of Volatile Organic

Compounds and Volatile Hazardous Air Pollutants from Wood Products Manufacturing Operations

- Air Pollution Control Regulation 36: Control of Emissions from Organic Solvent Cleaning
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 37: Rhode Island's Low Emission Vehicle Program
- Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Safety and Emissions Control Regulation No. 1: Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance Program

C. Removed Regulations

- Air Pollution Control Regulation 17: Odors
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 18: Control of Emissions from Organic Solvent Cleaning
- Air Pollution Control Regulation 41: NO_x Budget Trading Program

D. Added Single Source Specific Orders

- US Watercraft, LLC in Warren, Rhode Island (File No. 01–05–AP)

E. Removed Single Source Specific Orders

- Tillotson-Pearson in Warren, Rhode Island (File No. 90–1–AP)

II. EPA Action

In this action, the EPA is providing notification of an update to the materials incorporated by reference into the Rhode Island SIP as of December 22, 2025, and identified in 40 CFR 52.2070(c) and (d). This update includes SIP materials submitted by Rhode Island and approved by the EPA since the most recent IBR update. See 73 FR 70873 (November 24, 2008).

III. Good Cause Exemption

The EPA has determined that this action falls under the “good cause” exemption in section 553(b)(3)(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) which, upon finding “good cause,” authorizes agencies to dispense with public participation and section 553(d)(3) which allows an agency to make an action effective immediately (thereby avoiding the 30-day delayed effective date otherwise provided for in the APA). This administrative action simply codifies provisions which are already in effect as a matter of law in Federal and approved State programs, makes corrections and clarifying changes to the tables in the CFR, and makes ministerial changes to the prefatory heading to the tables in the CFR. Under section 553 of the APA, an agency may find good cause where procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Public comment for this

administrative action is “unnecessary” and “contrary to the public interest” since the codification (and corrections) only reflect existing law. Immediate notice of this action in the **Federal Register** benefits the public by providing the public notification of the updated Rhode Island SIP Compilation and notification of corrections to the Rhode Island “Identification of Plan” portion of the CFR. Further, pursuant to section 553(d)(3), making this action immediately effective benefits the public by immediately updating both the SIP Compilation and the CFR “Identification of plan” section (which includes table entry corrections).

IV. Incorporation by Reference

In this document, 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 regulations and source specific orders promulgated by Rhode Island, previously approved by the EPA and federally effective before December 22, 2025, contained in 40 CFR 52.2070(c), *EPA-Approved regulations*, and 40 CFR 52.2070(d), *EPA-approved State Source specific requirements*, as described in section II. of this preamble. The EPA is also removing certain EPA-approved regulations and the source specific order for Tillotson-Pearson in Warren, Rhode Island, as described in section II. of this preamble. 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 Clean Air 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);

- Is not subject to an Executive Order 14192 (90 FR 9065, February 6, 2025) regulatory action because this action is not significant 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 subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) because it approves a state program;

- Is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001); and

- 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.

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).

This action is subject to the Congressional Review Act, and the EPA will submit a rule report to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 September 29, 2026. 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.

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

Dated: July 23, 2026.

Mark Sanborn,

Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1.

For the reasons stated in the preamble the Environmental Protection Agency amends part 52 of chapter I, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations to read 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 OO—Rhode Island

■ 2. In § 52.2070 is amended by revising paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

§ 52.2070 Identification of plan.

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(b) *Incorporation by reference.* (1) Material listed in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section with an EPA approval date prior to December 22, 2025, was approved for incorporation by reference by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Material is incorporated as it exists on the date of the approval, and notice of any change in the material will be published in the **Federal Register**. Entries in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section with EPA approval dates after December 22, 2025, will be incorporated by reference in the next update to the SIP compilation.

(2) EPA Region 1 certifies that the rules/regulations provided by EPA in the SIP compilation at the addresses in paragraph (b)(3) of this section are an exact duplicate of the officially promulgated State rules/regulations

which have been approved as part of the State Implementation Plan as of the dates referenced in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(3) Copies of the materials incorporated by reference may be inspected at the New England Regional Office of EPA at 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, MA 02109–3912; the EPA, Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Room Number 3334, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460, and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to obtain materials from a docket in the EPA Regional Office, please call phone number (617) 918–1668; for material from a docket in EPA Headquarters Library, please call the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) at phone number (202) 566–1742. You may inspect the material with an EPA approval date prior to December 22, 2025, at NARA. For information on the availability of this material at NARA visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

(c) *EPA-Approved regulations.*

EPA-APPROVED RHODE ISLAND REGULATIONS

State citation	Title/subject	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanations
Air Pollution Control Generation Definitions Regulation.	General Definitions	2/9/2018	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924	Excluding 0.3 Application section.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 1.	Visible Emissions	7/19/2007	7/22/2016, 81 FR 47708	All of Air Pollution Control Regulation 1 is approved with the exception of section 1.5.3 of the General Provisions which was formally withdrawn from consideration as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 2.	Handling of Soft Coal	2/22/1977	5/7/1981, 46 FR 25446.	
Air Pollution Control Regulation 3.	Particulate Emissions from Industrial Processes.	7/19/2007	7/22/2016, 81 FR 47708	All of Air Pollution Control Regulation 3 is approved with the exception of section 3.4.3 of the General Provisions and the “director discretion” provisions in section 3.3(a) which were formally withdrawn from consideration as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 4.	Open Fires	7/19/2007	7/22/2016, 81 FR 47708	All of Air Pollution Control Regulation 4 is approved with the exception of section 4.5.3 of the General Provisions which was formally withdrawn from consideration as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 5.	Fugitive Dust	2/22/1977	5/7/1981, 46 FR 25446.	
Air Pollution Control Regulation 6.	Continuous Emission Monitors.	7/19/2007	7/22/2016, 81 FR 47708	All of Air Pollution Control Regulation 6 is approved with the exception of section 6.4.3 of the General Provisions which was formally withdrawn from consideration as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 7.	Emission of Air Contaminants Detrimental to Persons or Property.	7/19/2007	7/22/2016, 81 FR 47708	All of Air Pollution Control Regulation 7 is approved with the exception of section 7.5.3 of the General Provisions and the air toxics provisions in sections 7.4.1(b), (c), and (d), which were formally withdrawn from consideration as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 8.	Sulfur Content of Fuels ...	1/9/2017	8/13/2018, 83 FR 39888	Excluding sections 8.7 and 8.8.3 which were not submitted by the State.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 9.	Air Pollution Control Permits.	4/5/2018	10/2/2019, 84 FR 52364	Amend definitions in Section 9.5: “Baseline concentration”; “Increment”; “Major Source Baseline Date”; “Major Stationary Source”; “Minor Source Baseline Date”; “Regulated NSR Pollutant”; “Subject to Regulation”. Replace Section 9.5.3(a) with new language codified as Section 9.9.2. Replace Section 9.5.3(c)(5)c with new language codified as Section 9.9.2.A.5.e(3).

EPA-APPROVED RHODE ISLAND REGULATIONS—Continued

State citation	Title/subject	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanations
Air Pollution Control Regulation 10.	Air Pollution Episodes	2/22/1977	5/7/1981, 46 FR 25446.	Replace the table at Section 5.5 with a new table codified as Section 9.9.4.A.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 11.	Petroleum Liquids Marketing and Storage.	2/18/2024	11/20/2025, 90 FR 52241 ...	Department of Environmental Management regulation containing vapor recovery requirements. Approving all sections.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 12.	Incinerators	7/19/2007	7/22/2016, 81 FR 47708	All of Air Pollution Control Regulation 12 is approved with the exception of section 12.8.3 of the General Provisions and the "director discretion" provisions in sections 12.5(a) and (c), which were formally withdrawn from consideration as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 13.	Particulate Emissions from Fossil Fuel Fired Steam or Hot Water Generating Units.	10/5/1982	3/29/1983, 48 FR 13026.	
Air Pollution Control Regulation 14.	Record Keeping and Reporting.	7/19/2007	7/22/2016, 81 FR 47708	All of Air Pollution Control Regulation 14 is approved with the exception of section 14.4.3 of the General Provisions which was formally withdrawn from consideration as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 15.	Control of Organic Solvent Emissions.	2/9/2018	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924	Excluding 15.2 Application section.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 16.	Operation of Air Pollution Control System.	2/22/1977	5/7/1981, 46 FR 25446.	
Air Pollution Control Regulation 19.	Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Surface Coating Operations.	2/9/2018	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924	Excluding 19.2 Application section.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 21.	Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Printing Operations.	2/9/2018	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924	Excluding 21.2 Application section.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 25.	Control of VOC Emissions from Cutback and Emulsified Asphalt.	2/9/2018	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924	Excluding 25.3 Application section.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 26.	Control of Organic Solvent Emissions from Manufacture of Synthesized Pharmaceutical Products.	2/9/2018	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924	Excluding 26.2 Application section.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 27.	Control of Nitrogen Oxide Emissions.	2/9/2018	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924	Excluding 27.2 Application section.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 29.3.	Emissions Caps	4/28/1995	3/22/1996, 61 FR 11731	This rule limits a source's potential to emit, therefore avoiding RACT, Title V Operating Permit.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 30.	Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Automobile Refinishing Operations.	7/19/2007	7/22/2016, 81 FR 47708	All of Air Pollution Control Regulation 30 is approved with the exception of section 30.9.3 of the General Provisions which was formally withdrawn from consideration as part of the SIP revision, and section 30.2.2 which was not submitted as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 31.	Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Consumer Products.	1/9/2017	4/1/2021, 86 FR 17071	All of APCR No. 31 is approved with the exception of 31.2 "Application" which the state did not submit as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 32.	Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Marine Vessel Loading Operations.	7/19/2007	7/22/2016, 81 FR 47708	All of Air Pollution Control Regulation 32 is approved with the exception of section 32.7.3 of the General Provisions which was formally withdrawn from consideration as part of the SIP revision, and section 32.2.2 which was not submitted as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 33.	Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Architectural Coatings and Industrial Maintenance Coatings.	7/21/2020	4/1/2021, 86 FR 17071	All of APCR No. 33 is approved with the exception of 33.2 "Application" which the state did not submit as part of the SIP revision.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 34.	Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program.	12/25/2018	11/18/2025, 90 FR 51510 ...	Department of Environmental Management regulation containing I/M standards. Approving all sections.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 35.	Control of Volatile Organic Compounds and Volatile Hazardous Air Pollutants from Wood Products Manufacturing Operations.	2/9/2018	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924	Excluding 35.2 Application section.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 36.	Control of Emissions from Organic Solvent Cleaning.	5/3/2022	9/1/2023, 88 FR 60342	Revisions made to part 36 for consistency with NESHAP for Halogenated Solvent Cleaning (40 CFR part 63, subpart T).
Air Pollution Control Regulation 37.	Rhode Island's Low Emission Vehicle Program.	12/22/2005	8/19/2015, 80 FR 50203	Adopts California LEV II standards.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 38.	Nitrogen Oxides Allowance Program.	6/10/1998	6/2/1999, 64 FR 29567.	

EPA-APPROVED RHODE ISLAND REGULATIONS—Continued

State citation	Title/subject	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanations
Air Pollution Control Regulation 44.	Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Adhesives and Sealants.	2/9/2018	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924	Excluding 44.2 Application section.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 45.	Rhode Island Diesel Engine Anti-Idling Program.	7/19/2007	3/27/2008, 73 FR 16203	Limits idling for diesel on-highway and non-road engines.
Air Pollution Control Regulation 49.	Transportation Conformity	10/20/2011	3/10/2015, 80 FR 12561.	
Air Pollution Control Regulation 51.	Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing.	2/9/2018	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924	Excluding 51.2 Application section.
Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Safety and Emissions Control Regulation No. 1.	Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance Program.	1/28/2009	5/25/2018, 83 FR 24223	Division of Motor Vehicles regulation for the light-duty vehicle I/M program. Approving all sections except section 1.12.2 "Penalties" and section 1.13 "Proceedings for Enforcement" which were excluded from the SIP submittal.
Rhode Island General Laws, Title 23, Chapter 23-23.	Air Pollution	Submitted 1/2/2013 ¹ ..	4/20/2016, 81 FR 23175	Section 23-23-5—Powers and duties of the director.
Rhode Island General Laws, Title 23, Chapter 23-23.1.	Air Pollution Episode Control.	Submitted 1/2/2013 ¹ ..	4/20/2016, 81 FR 23175	Section 23-23-16—Emergencies. Section 23-23.1-5—Proclamations of episode and issuance of orders.
Rhode Island General Laws, Title 36, Chapter 36-14.	Code of Ethics	Submitted 1/2/2013 ¹ ..	4/20/2016, 81 FR 23175	Section 36-14-1—Declaration of policy. Section 36-14-2—Definitions. Section 36-14-3—Code of ethics. Section 36-14-4—Persons subject to the code of ethics. Section 36-14-5—Prohibited activities. Section 36-14-6—Statement of conflict of interest. Section 36-14-7—Interest in conflict with discharge of duties.

¹ This is the date Rhode Island submitted these Rhode Island General Laws to EPA for approval.

(d) *EPA-approved State Source specific requirements.*

EPA-APPROVED RHODE ISLAND SOURCE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Name of source	Permit No.	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanations
Narragansett Electric Company South Street Station in Providence.	A.H. File No. 83-12-AP	8/29/1983	7/27/1984, 49 FR 30177	Revisions to Air Pollution Control Regulation 8, "Sulfur Content of Fuels," specifying maximum sulfur-in-coal limits (1.21 lbs/MMBtu on a 30-day rolling average and 2.31 lbs/MMBtu on a 24-hour average). These revisions approve Section 8.3.4, "Large Fuel Burning Devices Using Coal," for South Street Station only.
Stanley Bostitch, Bostitch Division of Textron.	A.H. File No. 85-8-AP ...	6/6/1985	12/11/1986, 51 FR 44604	RIDEM and Bostitch administrative consent agreement effective 6/6/85. Requires Bostitch to reformulate certain solvent-based coatings to low/no solvent formulation by 12/31/86. Also addendum dated 9/20/85 defining emission limitations reformulated coatings must meet. (A) An administrative consent agreement between the RIDEM and Bostitch Division of Textron. (B) A letter to Bostitch Division of Textron from the RIDEM dated September 20, 1985 which serves as an addendum to the consent agreement. The addendum defines the emission limitations which Bostitch's Division of Textron reformulated coatings must meet.
Keene Corporation, East Providence, RI.	A.H. File No. 85-10-AP	9/12/1985	8/31/1987, 52 FR 32793	RIDEM and Keene Corporation administrative consent agreement effective 9/12/85. Granting final compliance date extension for the control of organic solvent emissions from six paper coating lines. (A) Letter from the RIDEM dated November 5, 1985 submitting revisions to the RI SIP. (B) An administrative consent agreement between the RIDEM and Keene Corporation.
Tech Industries	File No. 86-12-AP	11/24/1987	3/10/1989, 54 FR 10145	RIDEM and Tech Industries original administrative consent agreement (86-12-AP) [except for provisions 7 and 8] effective 6/12/86, an addendum effective 11/24/87, defining and imposing reasonably available control technology to control volatile organic compounds. (A) An administrative consent agreement (86-12-AP), except for Provisions 7 and 8, between the RIDEM and Tech Industries effective June 12, 1986.

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Name of source	Permit No.	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanations
University of Rhode Island.	A.P. File No. 87–5–AP ...	3/17/1987	9/19/1989, 54 FR 38517	(B) An addendum to the administrative consent agreement (86–12–AP) between the RIDEM and Tech Industries. The addendum was effective November 24, 1987. (C) Letters dated May 6, 1987; October 15, 1987; and January 4, 1988 submitted to the EPA by the RIDEM. Revisions to the SIP submitted by the RIDEM on April 28, 1989, approving a renewal of a sulfur dioxide bubble for the University of Rhode Island.
University of Rhode Island.	File No. 95–50–AP	3/12/1996	9/2/1997, 62 FR 46202 ..	An administrative consent agreement between RIDEM and University of Rhode Island, Alternative NO _x RACT (RI Regulation 27.4.8).
Providence Metallizing in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.	File No. 87–2–AP	4/24/1990	9/6/1990, 55 FR 36635 ..	Define and impose RACT to control volatile organic compound emissions. (A) Letter from the RIDEM dated April 26, 1990, submitting a revision to the RI SIP. (B) An administrative consent agreement (87–2–AP) between the RIDEM and Providence Metallizing effective July 24, 1987. (C) An amendment to the administrative consent agreement (87–2–AP) between the RIDEM and Providence Metallizing effective May 4, 1989. (D) An addendum to the administrative consent agreement (87–2–AP) between the RIDEM and Providence Metallizing effective April 24, 1990.
Rhode Island Hospital ..	File No. 95–14–AP	11/27/1995	9/2/1997, 62 FR 46202 ..	Alternative NO _x RACT. An administrative consent agreement between the RIDEM and RI Hospital.
Osram Sylvania Incorporated.	File No. 96–06–AP	9/4/1996	9/2/1997, 62 FR 46202 ..	Alternative NO _x RACT. (A) An Administrative consent agreement between the RIDEM and Osram Sylvania Incorporated, file no. 96–06–AP, effective September 4, 1996. (B) An air pollution Permit approval, no. 1350 Osram Sylvania Incorporated issued by RIDEM effective May 14, 1996.
Algonquin Gas Transmission Company.	File No. 95–52–AP	12/5/1995	9/2/1997, 62 FR 46202 ..	Alternative NO _x RACT. (A) Letter from the RIDEM dated September 17, 1996 submitting a revision to the RI SIP. (B) An administrative consent agreement between RIDEM and Algonquin Gas Transmission Company, effective on December 5, 1995.
Bradford Dyeing Association, Inc.	File No. 95–28–AP	11/17/1995	9/2/1997, 62 FR 46202 ..	Alternative NO _x RACT. An administrative consent agreement between RIDEM and Bradford Dyeing Association, Inc.
Hoechst Celanese Corporation.	File No. 95–62–AP	11/20/1995	9/2/1997, 62 FR 46202 ..	Alternative NO _x RACT. An administrative consent agreement between RIDEM and Hoechst Celanese Corporation.
Naval Education and Training Center in Newport.	File No. 96–07–AP	3/4/1996	9/2/1997, 62 FR 46202 ..	Alternative NO _x RACT. An administrative consent agreement between RIDEM and Naval Education and Training Center in Newport.
Rhode Island Economic Development.	File No. 96–04–AP	9/2/1997	6/2/1999, 64 FR 29567 ..	Alternative NO _x RACT. A consent agreement between RIDEM and Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation's Central Heating Plant in North Kingstown.
Cranston Print Works ...	A.H. File No. 95–30–AP	12/19/1995	12/2/1999, 64 FR 67495	Non-CTG VOC RACT Determination.
CCL Custom Manufacturing.	A.H. File No. 97–02–AP	4/10/1997; and 10/27/1999.	12/2/1999, 64 FR 67495	Non-CTG VOC RACT Determination.
Victory Finishing Technologies.	A.H. File No. 96–05–AP	5/24/1996	12/2/1999, 64 FR 67495	Non-CTG VOC RACT Determination.
Quality Spraying and Stenciling.	A.H. File No. 97–04–AP	10/21/1997; and 7/13/1999.	12/2/1999, 64 FR 67495	Non-CTG VOC RACT Determination.
Guild Music	A.H. File No. 95–65–AP	11/9/1995	12/2/1999, 64 FR 67495	Non-CTG VOC RACT Determination.
US Watercraft, LLC in Warren, Rhode Island.	File No. 01–05–AP	7/16/2003; and 2/11/2004	9/21/2017, 82 FR 44101	VOC RACT approval and amendment.

(e) *Nonregulatory.*

RHODE ISLAND NON REGULATORY

Name of non regulatory SIP provision	Applicable geographic or nonattainment area	State submittal date/effective date	EPA approved date	Explanations
Notice of public hearing	Statewide	Submitted 2/9/1972	6/15/1972, 37 FR 11914	Proposed Implementation Plan Regulations, RI Department of Health.

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Name of non regulatory SIP provision	Applicable geographic or nonattainment area	State submittal date/effective date	EPA approved date	Explanations
Miscellaneous non-regulatory additions to the plan correcting minor deficiencies.	Statewide	Submitted 2/29/1972.	7/27/1972, 37 FR 15080	Approval and promulgation of Implementation Plan Miscellaneous Amendments, RI Department of Health.
Compliance schedules	Statewide	Submitted 4/24/1973.	6/20/1973, 38 FR 16144	Submitted by RI Department of Health.
AQMA identifications for the State of Rhode Island.	Statewide	Submitted 4/11/1974.	4/29/1975, 40 FR 18726	Submitted by RI Department of Health.
Letter identifying Metropolitan Providence as an AQMA.	Metropolitan Providence	Submitted 9/6/1974	4/29/1975, 40 FR 18726	Submitted by the Governor.
A comprehensive air quality monitoring plan, intended to meet requirements of 40 CFR part 58.	Statewide	Submitted 1/8/1980	1/15/1981, 46 FR 3516 ..	Submitted by the RI Department of Environmental Management Director.
Attainment plans to meet the requirements of Part D of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1977. Included are plans to attain the carbon monoxide and ozone standards and information allowing for the redesignation of Providence to non-attainment for the primary TSP standard based on new data.	Statewide	Submitted 5/14/1979; 6/11/1979; 8/13/1979; 1/8/1980; 1/24/1980; 3/10/1980; 3/31/1980; 4/21/1980; 6/6/1980; 6/13/1980; 8/20/1980; 11/14/1980; 3/4/1981; 3/5/1981; and 4/16/1981.	5/7/1981, 46 FR 25446 ..	Attainment plans to meet the requirements of Part D of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1977.
A program for the review of construction and operation of new and modified major stationary sources of pollution in non-attainment areas.				
Certain miscellaneous provisions unrelated to Part D are also included.				
Section VI, Part II, "Stationary Source Permitting and Enforcement" of the narrative.	Statewide	Submitted 5/14/1982; and 7/1/1982.	6/28/1983, 48 FR 29690	As submitted by RIDEM on May 14, 1982 and July 1, 1982 for review of new major sources and major modifications in nonattainment areas. Also included are revisions to add rules for banking emission reductions.
Revisions to the Rhode Island State Implementation Plan for attainment of the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone.	Statewide	Submitted 5/14/1982; 7/1/1982; 7/7/1982; 10/4/1982; and 3/2/1983.	7/6/1983, 48 FR 31026 ..	Submitted by the Department of Environmental Management.
1982 Ozone Attainment Plan.				
Revisions to attain and maintain the lead NAAQS.	Statewide	Submitted 7/7/1983	9/15/1983, 48 FR 41405	Submitted by the Department of Environmental Management.
Section VI, Part II of the associated narrative of the RI SIP.	Statewide	Submitted 1/27/1984; 2/6/1984; and 6/6/1984.	7/6/1984, 49 FR 27749 ..	To incorporate the requirements for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration of 40 CFR 51.24, permitting major stationary sources of lead and other miscellaneous changes.
Letter from RIDEM submitting an amendment to the RI State Implementation Plan.	Statewide	Submitted 1/14/1994; and 6/14/1994.	10/30/1996, 61 FR 55897	A revision to the RI SIP regarding ozone monitoring. RI will modify its SLAMS and its NAMS monitoring systems to include a PAMS network design and establish monitoring sites. The State's SIP revision satisfies 40 CFR 58.20(f) PAMS requirements.
Section VII of the RI SIP Ambient Air Quality Monitoring.				
Letter from RIDEM submitting revisions.	Statewide	Submitted 3/15/1994.	10/30/1996, 61 FR 55897	Revision to the RI SIP regarding the State's Contingency Plan.
Letter from RIDEM submitting revision—Rhode Island's 15 Percent Plan and Contingency Plan.	Statewide	Submitted 3/15/1994.	4/17/1997, 62 FR 18712	The revisions consist of the State's 15 Percent Plan and Contingency Plan. EPA approved only the following portions of these submittals: 15 Percent Plan—the EPA approved the calculation of the required emission reductions, and the emission reduction credit claimed from surface coating, printing operations, marine vessel loading, plant closures (0.79 tons per day approved out of 0.84 tons claimed), cutback asphalt, auto refinishing, stage II, reformulated gas in on-road and off-road engines, and tier I motor vehicle controls. Contingency Plan—the EPA approved the calculation of the required emission reduction, and a portion of the emission reduction credits claimed from Consumer and Commercial Products (1.1 tons per day approved out of 1.9 tons claimed), and architectural and industrial maintenance (AIM) coatings (1.9 tons per day approved out of 2.4 tons claimed).

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Name of non regulatory SIP provision	Applicable geographic or nonattainment area	State submittal date/effective date	EPA approved date	Explanations
Letter from RIDEM submitting revision for Clean Fuel Fleet Substitution Plan.	Providence (all of Rhode Island) nonattainment area.	10/5/1994	3/9/2000, 65 FR 12474.	EPA concurrently disapproved portions of these SIP submissions, as discussed within Section 52.2084(a)(2).
Letter outlining commitment to National LEV.	Statewide	2/22/1999	3/9/2000, 65 FR 12476 ..	Includes details of the State's commitment to National LEV.
Negative Declaration for Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) Distillation and Reactor Processes Control Techniques Guidelines Categories.	Statewide	Submitted 4/5/1995	12/2/1999, 64 FR 67495.	
October 1, 1999, letter from Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.	Statewide	Submitted 10/1/1999.	12/27/2000, 65 FR 81743	
"NO _x State Implementation Plan (SIP) Call Narrative," September 22, 1999.	Statewide	Submitted 10/1/1999.	12/27/2000, 65 FR 81743.	Submitted Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 14, "NO _x Budget Trading Program," and the "NO _x State Implementation Plan (SIP) Call Narrative."
November 9, 1999, letter from Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.	Statewide	Submitted 11/9/1999.	12/27/2000, 65 FR 81743	
Negative Declaration for Aerospace Coating Operations Control Techniques Guideline Category.	Statewide	Submitted 3/28/2000.	7/10/2000, 65 FR 42290.	Stating RI's intent to comply with applicable reporting requirements.
September 20, 2001, letter from Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.	Statewide	Submitted 9/20/2001.	6/20/2003, 68 FR 36921	
NO _x State Implementation Plan (SIP) Call Narrative, revised September 2001.	Statewide	Submitted 9/20/2001.	6/20/2003, 68 FR 36921.	Submitting the "NO _x State Implementation Plan (SIP) Call Narrative," revised September 2001.
Submittal to meet Clean Air Act Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.	Statewide	12/14/2007	7/8/2011, 76 FR 40248 ..	
RACT Demonstration included in Chapter 6 of the Rhode Island Attainment Plan for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.	Statewide	Submitted 4/30/2008.	3/13/2012, 77 FR 14691.	This action addresses the following Clean Air Act requirements: 110(a)(2)(A), (B), (C), (D)(ii), (E), (F), (G), (H), (J), (K), (L), and (M).
Negative declarations included in the Rhode Island Attainment Plan for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.	Statewide	Submitted 4/30/2008.	3/13/2012, 77 FR 14691	
Rhode Island Regional Haze SIP	Statewide	Submitted 8/7/2009	5/22/2012, 77 FR 30214.	Includes negative declarations for the following Control Techniques Guideline Categories: Refinery Vacuum Producing Systems, Wastewater Separators, and Process Unit Turnarounds (1977); Leaks from Petroleum Refinery Equipment (1978); Manufacture of Pneumatic Rubber Tires (1978); Large Petroleum Dry Cleaners (1982); Manufacture of High-Density Polyethylene, Polypropylene and Polystyrene Resins (1983); Synthetic Organic Chemical Mfg Equipment Fugitive Emissions (1984); Synthetic Organic Chemical Mfg Air Oxidation Processes (1984).
Infrastructure SIP for the 2008 ozone NAAQS.	Statewide	Submitted 1/2/2013; and 3/26/2018.	4/20/2016, 81 FR 23175	
Infrastructure SIP for the 2008 lead NAAQS.	Statewide	Submitted 10/26/2011; and 3/26/2018.	4/20/2016, 81 FR 23175	Conditional approval for certain aspects related to PSD in 2016 is fully approved in 2019. 10/2/2019, 84 FR 52366. Infrastructure SIP approved except for element (H) which was disapproved. See 52.2077.
Infrastructure SIP for the 2010 NO ₂ NAAQS.	Statewide	Submitted 1/2/2013; and 3/26/2018.	4/20/2016, 81 FR 23175	Conditional approval for certain aspects related to PSD in 2016 is fully approved in 2019. 10/2/2019, 84 FR 52366. Infrastructure SIP approved except for element (H) which was disapproved. See 52.2077.
Infrastructure SIP for the 1997 PM _{2.5} NAAQS.	Statewide	Submitted 9/10/2008; and 3/26/2018.	4/20/2016, 81 FR 23175	Conditional approval for certain aspects related to PSD in 2016 is fully approved in 2019. 10/2/2019, 84 FR 52366. Infrastructure SIP approved except for element (H) which was disapproved. See 52.2077.

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Infrastructure SIP for the 1997 PM _{2.5} NAAQS.	Statewide	Submitted 9/10/2008.	4/20/2016, 81 FR 23175	Approved submittal, except for certain aspects related to PSD which were conditionally approved and element (H) which was disapproved. See 52.2077.
Infrastructure SIP for the 2006 PM _{2.5} NAAQS.	Statewide	Submitted 11/6/2009; and 3/26/2018.	4/20/2016, 81 FR 23175	Conditional approval for certain aspects related to PSD in 2016 is fully approved in 2019. 10/2/2019, 84 FR 52366.
Infrastructure SIP for 2010 SO ₂ NAAQS.	Statewide	Submitted 6/27/2014.	4/20/2016, 81 FR 23175	Infrastructure SIP approved except for element (H) which was disapproved. See 52.2077.
Rhode Island Regional Haze Five Year Progress Report.	Statewide	Submitted 1/7/2015	7/20/2016, 81 FR 47036.	Approved submittal, except for certain aspects related to PSD which were conditionally approved and element (H) which was disapproved. See 52.2077.
Transport SIP for the 2008 Ozone Standard.	Statewide	Submitted 6/23/2015.	10/13/2016, 81 FR 70631	State submitted a transport SIP for the 2008 ozone standard which shows it does not significantly contribute to ozone nonattainment or maintenance in any other state. EPA approved this submittal as meeting the requirements of Clean Air Act Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I).
Transport SIP for the 1997 Ozone Standard.	Statewide	Submitted 4/30/2008.	4/10/2017, 82 FR 17124	State submitted a transport SIP for the 1997 ozone standards which shows it does not significantly contribute to ozone nonattainment or maintenance in any other state. EPA approved this submittal as meeting the requirements of Clean Air Act Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I).
Transport SIP for the 1997 Particulate Matter Standard.	Statewide	Submitted 4/30/2008.	4/10/2017, 82 FR 17124	State submitted a transport SIP for the 1997 particulate matter standards which shows it does not significantly contribute to particulate matter nonattainment or maintenance in any other state. EPA approved this submittal as meeting the requirements of Clean Air Act Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I).
Transport SIP for the 2006 Particulate Matter Standard.	Statewide	Submitted 11/6/2009.	4/10/2017, 82 FR 17124	State submitted a transport SIP for the 2006 particulate matter standards which shows it does not significantly contribute to particulate matter nonattainment or maintenance in any other state. EPA approved this submittal as meeting the requirements of Clean Air Act Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I).
Transport SIP for the 2010 NO ₂ and SO ₂ Standards.	Statewide	10/15/2015	12/19/2017, 82 FR 60121.	
I/M SIP Narrative	Statewide	Submitted 2/17/2017.	5/25/2018, 83 FR 24223	Narrative describing how the Rhode Island I/M program meets the requirements in the federal I/M rule.
Reasonably Available Control Technology State Implementation Plan Revision 2008 and 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards.	Statewide	Submitted 9/20/2019.	9/3/2020, 85 FR 54924.	
Infrastructure SIP for the 2015 ozone NAAQS.	Statewide	10/15/2020	10/14/2021, 86 FR 57058	This submittal is approved with respect to the following CAA elements or portions thereof: 110(a)(2)(A); (B); (C); (D) except (D)(i)(I) and (D)(i)(II)—visibility protection; (E); (F); (G); (J); (K); (L); and (M). This submittal is disapproved for element (H). See § 52.2077.
Transport SIP for the 2015 Ozone Standard.	Statewide	Submitted 9/23/2020.	12/10/2021, 86 FR 70409	State submitted a transport SIP for the 2015 ozone standard which shows that it does not significantly contribute to ozone nonattainment or maintenance in any other state. EPA approved this submittal as meeting the requirements of Clean Air Act Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I).
Infrastructure SIP and Transport SIP for the 2012 PM _{2.5} NAAQS.	Statewide	12/6/2017	5/31/2022, 87 FR 32316; and 9/13/2022, 87 FR 55916.	This submittal is approved with respect to the following CAA elements: 110(a)(2)(A); (B); (C); (D); (E); (F); (G); (J); (K); (L); and (M). This submittal is disapproved for (H). This approval includes the Transport SIP for the 2012 PM _{2.5} NAAQS, which shows that Rhode Island does not significantly contribute to PM _{2.5} nonattainment or maintenance in any other state.
Infrastructure SIP for the 2015 ozone NAAQS.	Statewide	Submitted 9/23/2020; and 10/15/2020.	10/14/2021, 86 FR 57060; and 4/9/2026, 91 FR 17852.	The submittal is approved with respect to the following CAA elements or portions thereof: 110(a)(2)(A); (B); (C); (D) except (D)(i)(I); (E); (F); (G); (J); (K); (L); and (M). This submittal is disapproved for element (H). See § 52.2077.
Rhode Island Regional Haze Plan for 2nd planning period 2018–2028.	Statewide	3/7/2025	4/9/2026, 91 FR 17852 ..	Approves full plan.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Administration for Children and Families****45 CFR Parts 201, 204, 205, 225, 233, 234, 235, 237, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 270, 283, 284, 286, and 287****RIN 0970–AD38****Reducing Bureaucracy and Burden for Family Assistance Programs****AGENCY:** Office of Family Assistance (OFA), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Grants to States for Public Assistance Programs regulations, the General Administration—State Plans and Grant Appeals regulations, the General Administration—Public Assistance Programs regulations, the Training and Use of Subprofessionals and Volunteers regulations, the Coverage and Conditions of Eligibility in Financial Assistance Programs regulations, the Financial Assistance to Individuals regulations, the Administration of Financial Assistance Programs regulations, the Fiscal Administration of Financial Assistance Programs regulations, the General Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Provisions regulations, the Ensuring That Recipients Work regulations, the Accountability Provisions—General regulations, the Expenditures of State and Federal TANF Funds regulations, the Other Accountability Provisions regulations, the Data Collection and Reporting Requirements regulations, the High Performance Bonus Awards regulations, the Implementation of Section 403(a)(2) of the Social Security Act Bonus to Reward Decrease in Illegitimacy Ratio regulations, the Methodology for Determining Whether an Increase in a State or Territory's Child Poverty Rate Is the Result of the TANF Program regulations, the Tribal TANF Provisions regulations, and The Native Employment Works (NEW) Program regulations to eliminate unnecessary or obsolete regulations. A plain language summary of the final rule is posted at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

DATES: *Effective date* September 29, 2026.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Adam N. Jones, Deputy Chief of Staff, Immediate Office of the Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 202–417–0115 or Deregulation@acf.hhs.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Statutory Authority**

This final rule is being issued under the authority granted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services by the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*), including titles I, IV–A, IV–D, X, XIV, and XVI(note) of the Social Security Act which authorizes the administration of public assistance, child support enforcement, and other family assistance programs. This rulemaking is further supported by Section 1102 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302), which provides the Secretary with general authority to make and publish regulations necessary for the efficient administration of programs under the Act. These statutory authorities provide the basis for the regulations codified at 45 CFR parts 201, 204, 205, 225, 233, 234, 235, 237, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 270, 283, 284, 286, and 287.

II. Background

45 CFR parts 201, 204, 205, 225, 233, 234, 235, and 237 comprise the core regulatory framework governing the administration of public assistance and related programs authorized under the Social Security Act and administered by HHS, primarily through the ACF. Originally promulgated to implement Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and other categorical assistance programs prior to enactment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) (Pub. L. 104–193), these regulations to established administrative, fiscal, and program integrity requirements applicable to States, Territories, and, where applicable, Tribal agencies operating federally funded assistance programs.

These parts establish State plan requirements, Federal financial participation (FFP) standards, reporting and recordkeeping obligations, hearing and appeals processes, eligibility and payment provisions, and administrative enforcement mechanisms. They include general administrative provisions (Part 201), public assistance reporting requirements (Part 205), financial management standards (Part 201 and related subparts), program-specific requirements for assistance and services (Part 233), and fair hearing and appeals procedures (Part 205). Collectively,

these regulations provide the uniform administrative structure under which States, Tribes, and Territories receive and administer Federal funds for cash assistance and related benefit programs.

45 CFR parts 260 through 265 establish the regulatory framework for the TANF program, enacted under title IV–A of the Social Security Act as amended by PRWORA in 1996. Originally published in 1999 and subsequently amended, these regulations govern the purposes of TANF (Part 260), work participation requirements (Part 261), eligible and ineligible uses of Federal TANF funds (Part 263), State reporting requirements (Part 265), penalty and corrective action procedures (Part 262), and data collection and verification standards (Part 264).

The TANF regulations define key statutory terms such as “assistance,” “work activities,” and “work-eligible individual,” and establish the methodology for calculating State work participation rates. They also set forth maintenance-of-effort (MOE) requirements, limitations on administrative expenditures, and procedures for determining and appealing financial penalties. Together, these parts provide the accountability and performance measurement structure for the TANF block grant program while preserving State flexibility in program design.

45 CFR part 270, “High Performance Bonus Awards” governs the bonus funds awarded to States for meeting certain TANF measures. The regulations lay out the amount in bonuses provided, explain the measures and what factors ACF uses to determine each state's scores.

45 CFR part 283 “Implementation of Section 403(A)(2) of the Social Security Act Bonus to Reward Decrease in Illegitimacy Ratio” governs the bonuses given to states who lowered illegitimacy. The regulations describe what data a state had to submit to be considered for the bonus, how ACF would consider the data, and the amounts of the bonus.

45 CFR part 284 “Methodology for Determining Whether an Increase in a State or Territory Child Poverty Rate is the Result of the TANF Program” governs the previous requirement under 42 U.S.C. 613(i) for determining child poverty rates. The regulations explain the method of determining child poverty rates and corrective action required if the poverty rate increased by over five percent in a two-year period.

45 CFR part 286 “Tribal TANF Provisions” establishes the regulatory requirements governing the approval