

an enhanced I/M program. The Clark and Floyd County area is designated moderate nonattainment for ozone and has opted to implement enhanced I/M. These areas are required to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards as specified by the Clean Air Act by 2007 and 1996 respectively. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the USEPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because USEPA views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If USEPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. USEPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before April 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal and USEPA's analysis of it are available for inspection at:

Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francisco Acevedo, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this Federal Register.

Dated: January 26, 1996.

Valdas V. Adamkus,
Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; Basic Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Colorado for the purpose of establishing a basic motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program. This revision establishes and requires the implementation of a basic motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program in the urbanized areas of El Paso (Colorado Springs), Larimer (Fort Collins), and Weld Counties (Greeley). The intended effect of this action is approval of a basic motor vehicle I/M program. This action is being taken under section 110 of the Clean Air Act. In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. The rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn, and all public comments received during the 30-day comment period set forth below will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by April 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Douglas Skie, Chief, Air Programs Branch (8ART-AP), USEPA Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the address listed above. Anyone wanting to view these documents must make an appointment at least 24 hours in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott P. Lee, Air Programs Branch, State Implementation Plan Section (8ART-AP), USEPA, Region 8, Denver, Colorado 80202, (303) 293-1887.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

Dated: September 28, 1995.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator (8A).

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40 CFR Part 52

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Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of PM₁₀ Implementation Plan for Montana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the state implementation plan (SIP) for the Kalispell, Montana nonattainment area, the Flathead County Air Pollution Control Program, and a Board Order setting emission limits at nine stationary sources, submitted by the State of Montana with letters dated November 25, 1991, January 11, 1994, August 26, 1994, and July 18, 1995, to achieve attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers (PM₁₀). The SIP was submitted to satisfy certain federal Clean Air Act requirements for an approvable moderate nonattainment area PM₁₀ SIP for Kalispell. In addition, EPA proposes to approve the SIP revisions submitted on August 26, 1994, and July 18, 1995, to satisfy the Federal Clean Air Act requirement to submit contingency measures for the Kalispell and Columbia Falls moderate PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. The Columbia Falls submittal also incorporates minor revisions to the attainment and maintenance demonstrations for the Columbia Falls moderate PM₁₀ nonattainment area SIP into the Montana SIP. Since the SIP still adequately demonstrates timely attainment and maintenance of the PM₁₀ national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS), EPA proposes to approve these revisions. EPA is also proposing to delete an obsolete section of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) which applied to further requirements for the Butte total suspended particulates (TSP) plan.

In the Final Rules Section of the Federal Register, EPA is approving the

State's SIP revisions, as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these as noncontroversial revisions and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by April 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All written comments should be addressed to: Richard R. Long, Director, Air Program, EPA Region VIII, at the address listed below. Information supporting this action can be found at the following location: EPA Region VIII, Air Program 999 18th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466. The information may be inspected between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., on weekdays, except for legal holidays. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Callie Videtich, Air Program, EPA Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2405, (303) 312-6434.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental Protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur dioxide, Volatile organic compounds.

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Dated: September 29, 1995.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Richmond, Virginia—NO_x Exemption Petition

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve a request for an exemption from the oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirement of the Clean Air Act (Act) for the Richmond moderate ozone nonattainment area. The exemption request, submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality, is based upon the most recent three years of ambient air monitoring data which demonstrate that additional reductions of NO_x would not contribute to attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone in the area. The intended effect of this action is to propose approval of a request for an exemption from the NO_x RACT requirement for the Richmond moderate ozone nonattainment area. This action is being taken under section 182(f) of the Clean Air Act. Elsewhere in today's Federal Register, EPA has published an interim final determination to stay and defer sanctions for the duration of EPA's rulemaking process on the exemption petition.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Marcia L. Spink, Associate Director, Air Programs, Mailcode 3AT00, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the EPA address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher H. Cripps, (215) 597-0545, at the EPA Region III address above or via e-mail at cripps.christopher@epamail.epa.gov. While information may be requested via e-mail, comments must be submitted in

writing to the EPA Region III address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 18, 1995, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requested that the Richmond ozone nonattainment area be exempt from the NO_x RACT requirement of section 182(f) of the Act.

Background

The air quality planning requirements for the reduction of NO_x emissions are set out in section 182(f) of the Act. Section 182(f) of the Act requires states with areas designated nonattainment for ozone and classified as moderate and above to impose the same control requirements for major stationary sources of NO_x as apply to major stationary sources of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions. Section 182(f) provides further that these NO_x requirements do not apply to areas outside an ozone transport region if EPA determines that additional reductions of NO_x would not contribute to attainment in such areas. In an area that did not implement the section 182(f) NO_x requirements, but did attain the ozone standard as demonstrated by ambient air monitoring data [consistent with 40 CFR Part 58 and recorded in the Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS)], it is clear that the additional NO_x reductions required by section 182(f) did not contribute to attainment of the NAAQS.

On July 8, 1994, EPA notified the Governor of Virginia that the Commonwealth had failed to submit a NO_x RACT SIP revision for the Richmond ozone nonattainment area. This finding commenced the sanctions process outlined by section 179 of the Act as implemented by 40 CFR 52.31. (See 59 FR 39832, August 4, 1994). The two to one (2:1) offset sanction has been in effect in the Richmond ozone nonattainment area as of January 8, 1996 as a result of the July 8, 1994 finding and cannot be lifted until either a NO_x RACT SIP is received by EPA and deemed complete or a NO_x waiver under section 182(f) is granted. In the Final Rules section of today's Federal Register, EPA has published an interim final determination to stay and defer sanctions for the duration of EPA's rulemaking process on the exemption petition.

The Commonwealth of Virginia could have submitted a NO_x RACT regulation to stop the sanction clock resulting from the July 1994 finding since it had started the process to adopt a NO_x RACT regulation for the Richmond ozone nonattainment area. A public hearing was held on August 28, 1995 to amend