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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 March 27, 2006. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this rule 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, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: December 8, 2005.

L. Michael Bogert,

Regional Administrator, EPA Region 10.

■ Part 52, chapter I, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

#### PART 52—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

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

#### Subpart MM—Oregon

■ 2. Section 52.1970 is amended by adding paragraph (c)(145) to read as follows:

##### § 52.1970 Identification of plan.

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(c) \* \* \*

(145) On December 27, 2004, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality submitted to the Regional Administrator of EPA, the Second Portland Area Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan that demonstrates continued attainment of the NAAQS for carbon monoxide through the year 2017.

(i) Incorporation by reference.

(A) Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 340: 200-0040, 204-0090 and 242-0440, as effective December 15, 2004.

■ 3. Paragraph (a) of § 52.1973 is revised to read as follows:

##### § 52.1973 Approval of plans.

(a) Carbon monoxide.

(1) EPA approves as a revision to the Oregon State Implementation Plan, the Second Portland Area Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan, effective December 15, 2004, and submitted to EPA on December 27, 2004.

(2) [Reserved]

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R08-OAR-2005-MT-0001, FRL-8012-5]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Revisions to the Administrative Rules of Montana; Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is taking direct final action approving State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Montana on August 25, 2004. The revisions are to the Administrative Rules of Montana and correct internal references to state documents; correct references to, or update citations of, Federal documents; and make minor editorial changes. The intended effect of this action is to make federally enforceable those provisions that EPA is approving. This action is being taken under section 110 of the Clean Air Act.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on March 27, 2006 without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse comment by February 23, 2006. If adverse comment is received, EPA will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** informing the public that the rule will not take effect.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R08-OAR-2005-MT-0001, by one of the following methods:

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an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA, without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA’s public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>. For additional instructions on submitting comments, go to Section I. General Information of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**Docket:** All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Air and Radiation Program, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202–2466. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to view the hard copy of the docket. You may view the hard copy of the docket Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurie Ostrand, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P–AR, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80202–2466, (303) 312–6437, [ostrand.laurie@epa.gov](mailto:ostrand.laurie@epa.gov).

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#### **Definitions**

For the purpose of this document, we are giving meaning to certain words or initials as follows:

- (i) The words or initials *Act* or *CAA* mean or refer to the Clean Air Act, unless the context indicates otherwise.
- (ii) The words *EPA*, *we*, *us* or *our* mean or refer to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- (iii) The initials *SIP* mean or refer to State Implementation Plan.
- (iv) The words *State* or *Montana* mean the State of Montana, unless the context indicates otherwise.

#### **I. General Information**

##### *A. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

1. **Submitting CBI.** Do not submit this information to EPA through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. **Tips for Preparing Your Comments.** When submitting comments, remember to:

- a. Identify the rulemaking by docket number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- b. Follow directions—The agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- c. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- d. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- e. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- f. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns, and suggest alternatives.

g. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

h. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

#### **II. Background**

On August 25, 2004, the Governor submitted a SIP revision that contains amendments to the following sections of the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.102, 17.8.103, 17.8.106, 17.8.130, 17.8.316, 17.8.320, 17.8.401, 17.8.801, 17.8.819 and 17.8.822. The amendments correct internal references to state documents; correct references to, or update citations of, federal documents; and make minor editorial changes. The Board of Environmental Review adopted the amendments on March 26, 2004.

On December 22, 2004, the Governor of Montana rescinded the submission of the changes to ARM 17.8.102.

#### **III. EPA’s Review of the State of Montana’s August 25, 2004 Submittal**

##### *A. Changes to Sub-Chapter 1—General Provisions*

1. Review of changes to ARM 17.8.102—Incorporation by Reference—EPA is not acting on these changes since the Governor rescinded them.

2. Review of changes to ARM 17.8.103—Incorporation by Reference and Availability of Referenced Documents. The state is correcting a reference to the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual (July 1994 ed.). We are not acting on these changes at this time.

3. Review of changes to ARM 17.8.106—Source Testing Protocol. The state is correcting a reference to the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual (July 1994 ed.). We are not acting on these changes at this time.

4. Review of changes to ARM 17.8.130—Enforcement Procedures—Notice of Violation Order to Take Corrective Action. The state is updating language and making minor editorial changes necessary to conform to the Montana Code Annotated. We are approving all of ARM 17.8.130 as in effect on April 9, 2004.

##### *B. Changes to Sub-Chapter 3—Emission Standards*

1. Review of changes to ARM 17.8.316—Incinerators. We are not acting on the changes to ARM 17.8.316 because of other pending changes to this section that we have not acted on yet. We will address both changes in a separate action.

2. Review of changes to ARM 17.8.320(9)—Wood-Waste Burners. The state is correcting internal citations to other state regulations. We are approving ARM 17.8.320(9) as in effect on April 9, 2004.

*C. Changes to Sub-Chapter 4—Stack Heights and Dispersion Techniques*

1. Review of changes to ARM 17.8.401—Definitions. The state is making minor clerical changes. We are not acting on these changes at this time for the same reasons stated on our August 13, 2001 action (66 FR 42427 at 42434).

*D. Changes to Sub-Chapter 8—Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality*

1. Review of changes to ARM 17.8.801—Definitions. The state is making minor clerical changes to how federal documents are cited in the definitions. We are approving the revisions to ARM 17.8.801(22) as in effect on April 9, 2004.

2. Review of changes to ARM 17.8.819—Control Technology Review. The state is making minor clerical changes to how federal documents are cited. We are approving all of ARM 17.8.819 as in effect on April 9, 2004.

3. Review of changes to ARM 17.8.822—Air Quality Analysis. The state is correcting internal citations to other state regulations and making other minor clerical changes. We are approving all of ARM 17.8.822 as in effect on April 9, 2004.

**IV. Final Action**

EPA is approving the following changes to the ARM that were submitted on August 25, 2004 and effective on April 9, 2004: ARM 17.8.130; 17.8.320(9); 17.8.801(22); 17.8.819; and 17.8.822.

EPA is not acting on the following changes to the ARM that were submitted on August 25, 2004 and effective on April 9, 2004: ARM 17.8.103, 17.8.106, 17.8.316 and 17.8.401. These revisions will be addressed in separate actions.

Section 110(l) of the Clean Air Act states that a SIP revision cannot be approved if the revision would interfere with any applicable requirement concerning attainment and reasonable further progress towards attainment of the NAAQS or any other applicable requirements of the Act. The Montana SIP revisions that are the subject of this document do not interfere with the maintenance of the NAAQS or any other applicable requirement of the Act. The August 25, 2004 submittal merely makes administrative amendments to the State's Administrative Rules of

Montana. Therefore, section 110(l) requirements are satisfied.

EPA is publishing this rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial amendment and anticipates no adverse comments; we are merely approving administrative changes to Montana's air rules. However, in the "Proposed Rules" section of today's **Federal Register** publication, EPA is publishing a separate document that will serve as the proposal to approve the SIP revision if adverse comments are filed. This rule will be effective March 27, 2006 without further notice unless the Agency receives adverse comments by February 23, 2006. If the EPA receives adverse comments, EPA will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** informing the public that the rule will not take effect. EPA will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

**V. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews**

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), this action is not a "significant regulatory action" and therefore is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget. For this reason, this action is also not subject to Executive Order 13211, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use" (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001). This action merely approves state law as meeting Federal requirements and imposes no additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. Accordingly, the Administrator certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). Because this rule approves pre-existing requirements under state law and does not impose any additional enforceable duty beyond that required by state law, it 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).

This rule also does not have tribal implications because it will 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, as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000). This action also does not have Federalism implications because it does not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999). This action merely approves a state rule implementing a Federal standard, and does not alter the relationship or the distribution of power and responsibilities established in the Clean Air Act. This rule also is not subject to Executive Order 13045 "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks" (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997), because it is not economically significant.

In reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. In this context, in the absence of a prior existing requirement for the State to use voluntary consensus standards (VCS), EPA has no authority to disapprove a SIP submission for failure to use VCS. It would thus be inconsistent with applicable law for EPA, when it reviews a SIP submission, to use VCS in place of a SIP submission that otherwise satisfies the provisions of the Clean Air Act. Thus, the requirements of section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) do not apply. This rule does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

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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 March 27, 2006. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this rule 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: December 7, 2005.

**Kerrigan G. Clough,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 8.*

■ 40 CFR part 52 is amended to read as follows:

#### PART 52—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

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

#### Subpart BB—Montana

■ 2. Section 52.1370 is amended by adding paragraph (c)(62) to read as follows:

#### § 52.1370 Identification of plan.

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(62) Revisions to State Implementation Plan were submitted by the State of Montana on August 25, 2004. The revisions correct internal references to state documents; correct references to, or update citations of, Federal documents; and make minor editorial changes.

(i) Incorporation by reference.

(A) Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) sections: ARM 17.8.130; 17.8.320(9); 17.8.801(22); 17.8.819; and 17.8.822, effective April 9, 2004.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R08-OAR-2005-CO-0002; FRL-8010-2]

#### Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revision for Colorado; Long-Term Strategy of State Implementation Plan for Class I Visibility Protection

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

**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is taking direct final action approving a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Governor of Colorado with a letter dated March 24, 2005. This revision updates the Long-Term Strategy of the Visibility SIP to establish strategies, activities, and monitoring plans that constitute reasonable progress toward the National visibility goal. This action is being taken under section 110 of the Clean Air Act.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on March 27, 2006 without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse comment by February 23, 2006. If adverse comment is received, EPA will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** informing the public that the rule will not take effect.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. R08-OAR-2005-CO-0002, by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- Agency Web site: <http://docket.epa.gov/rmepub/>. On November 28, 2005, Regional Material in EDOCKET (RME), EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, was replaced by an enhanced Federal-wide electronic docket management and comment system located at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, you will be redirected to that site to access the docket EPA-R08-OAR-2005-CO-0002 and submit comments. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: [long.richard@epa.gov](mailto:long.richard@epa.gov) and [platt.amy@epa.gov](mailto:platt.amy@epa.gov).

- Fax: (303) 312-6064 (please alert the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** if you are faxing comments).

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**Docket:** All documents in the docket are listed in the Regional Materials in EDOCKET index at <http://docket.epa.gov/rmepub/index.jsp>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available,