

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R09-OAR-2013-0468; FRL-9826-1]

Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions concern volatile organic compound (VOC), oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), and particulate matter (PM) emissions from open burning and wood-burning devices. We are approving local rules that regulate these emission sources under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). We are taking comments on this proposal and plan to follow with a final action.

DATES: Any comments must arrive by July 24, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, identified by docket number EPA-R09-OAR-2013-0468, by one of the following methods:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document, “we,” “us” and “our” refer to EPA.

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I. The State’s Submittal

A. What rules did the State submit?

Table 1 lists the rules addressed by this proposal with the dates that they were adopted by the local air agency and submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Rule 444 subdivision (g) and Rule 445 subdivision (h), related to fees and penalties respectively, were excluded from the versions of the rules submitted for consideration by the EPA for SIP approval.

TABLE 1—SUBMITTED RULES

| Local agency | Rule No. | Rule title | Amended | Submitted |
|--------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| SCAQMD | 444 | Open Burning | 05/03/13 | 06/11/13 |
| SCAQMD | 445 | Wood Burning Devices | 05/03/13 | 06/11/13 |

We find that the submittal for SCAQMD Rules 444 and 445 meets the completeness criteria in 40 CFR Part 51 Appendix V, which must be met before formal EPA review.

B. Are there other versions of these rules?

We approved earlier versions of Rule 444 and Rule 445 into the SIP on April 8, 2002 (67 FR 16644) and June 11, 2009 (74 FR 27716) respectively. The SCAQMD adopted revisions to Rule 444 on November 7, 2008, but did not submit them to us. The SCAQMD adopted additional revisions to Rule 444 and revisions to Rule 445 on May 3, 2013, and CARB submitted these revised rules to us on June 11, 2013.

C. What is the purpose of the submitted rule revisions?

Emissions of VOCs and NO_x help produce ground-level ozone, smog and particulate matter (PM), which harm human health and the environment. PM emissions contribute to effects that are harmful to human health and the environment, including premature mortality, aggravation of respiratory and cardiovascular disease, decreased lung function, visibility impairment, and damage to vegetation and ecosystems. Section 110(a) of the CAA requires States to submit regulations that control NO_x, VOC and PM emissions.

Rule 444 is designed to minimize the impacts of smoke and other air pollutants generated by open burning

conducted within the SCAQMD. Changes from the SIP approved rule include the following: (a) Forecast criteria for issuing permissive, marginal, and no-burn days was modified to be based on the Air Quality Index rather than on 1-hour ozone forecasted values; (b) forecast criteria for allowing a permissive burn day was amended to exclude days in which a “Mandatory Winter Burning Curtailment” day is in effect, as provided in Rule 445; (c) limited exemptions were added for burning to protect crops from freezing and for product testing; (d) daily maximum agricultural and prescribed burning acreage was increased to account for less permissive burn days resulting from the new no burn day

forecast criteria (total emissions over the season/year remain the same); (e) new requirements were added for burning associated with pyrotechnics used in filmmaking, fire prevention/suppression training, prescribed burning and agricultural burning; (f) definitions were added or amended for clarity; and (g) other minor editorial changes and clarifications were made to the rule.

Rule 445 is designed to minimize the impacts of smoke and other air pollutants generated during the use of wood burning devices. The rule establishes requirements for the sale, operation, and installation of such devices. Changes from the SIP approved rule include the following: (a) The "Mandatory Winter Burning Curtailement" provision was modified to reduce the forecast threshold for a given source/receptor area from 35 to 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and to add a new provision describing when such curtailment would apply basin-wide; (b) new wood-labeling requirements for wood suppliers were added; (c) a provision was removed which allowed uncertified wood-burning devices to be installed in existing homes if emission equivalency could be demonstrated; (d) modifications were made to clarify that cookstove and wood labeling exemptions apply only to commercial cooking; and (e) the definition of "Wood Burning Device" was modified to include both open and enclosed devices. EPA's technical support documents (TSDs) contain more detailed information about these rules.

II. EPA's Evaluation and Action

A. How is EPA evaluating the rules?

Generally, SIP rules must be enforceable (see section 110(a) of the Act) and must not relax existing requirements (see sections 110(l) and 193).

Guidance and policy documents that we use to evaluate enforceability requirements consistently include the following:

1. "Issues Relating to VOC Regulation Cutpoints, Deficiencies, and Deviations; Clarification to Appendix D of November 24, 1987 **Federal Register** Notice," (Blue Book), notice of availability published in the May 25, 1988 **Federal Register**.

2. "Guidance Document for Correcting Common VOC & Other Rule Deficiencies," EPA Region 9, August 21, 2001 (the Little Bluebook).

Section 172(c)(1) of the CAA requires nonattainment areas to implement all reasonably available control measures (RACM), including such reductions in emissions from existing sources in the

area as may be obtained through the adoption, at a minimum, of reasonably available control technology (RACT), as expeditiously as practicable. The Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin (South Coast) is currently designated as an extreme 1-hr ozone nonattainment area and an extreme 8-hr ozone nonattainment area, and is also designated nonattainment for the 1997 annual, 1997 24-hour, and 2006 24-hour fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standards (40 CFR 81.305). Open burning emits direct PM_{2.5}, as well as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), which are regulated as precursors to PM_{2.5} and ozone in the South Coast. Therefore, SCAQMD must implement RACM for open burning and residential wood burning if those measures will advance attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for PM_{2.5} or ozone in the South Coast, when considered collectively with other reasonable measures. Additional control measures may be required pursuant to CAA section 172(c)(1) if both: (1) Additional measures are reasonably available; and (2) these additional reasonably available measures will advance attainment in the area when considered collectively.

The South Coast is also currently designated as a serious nonattainment area for the PM-10 NAAQS (40 CFR 81.305). On June 12, 2013, however, EPA signed a final rule to redesignate the area to attainment for the PM-10 NAAQS, which will become effective 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. See "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; South Coast Air Basin; Approval of PM₁₀ Maintenance Plan and Redesignation to Attainment for the PM₁₀ Standard," pre-publication final rule signed June 12, 2013. Thus, we are not evaluating Rule 444 and 445 for compliance with BACT/BACM requirements in this rulemaking.

B. Do the rules meet the evaluation criteria?

We believe these rules are consistent with the statutory requirements concerning enforceability and SIP relaxations as interpreted in EPA guidance. Rule 444 and 445 are generally as stringent as or more stringent than analogous rules in other California Districts. As necessary, in separate rulemakings, EPA will take action on the State's RACM demonstrations for PM_{2.5} and ozone based on evaluation of the control measures submitted as a whole and their overall potential to advance the applicable attainment dates in the South

Coast. See 40 CFR 51.1010, 51.912(d). Our TSDs have more information on our evaluation and recommendations for additional control measures which may be reasonably available.

C. EPA Recommendations to Further Improve the Rules

The TSDs describe additional rule revisions that we recommend for the next time the local agency modifies the rules but are not currently the basis for rule disapproval.

D. Public Comment and Proposed Action

Because EPA believes the submitted rules fulfill all applicable requirements, we are proposing to fully approve them as described in section 110(k)(3) of the Act. We will accept comments from the public on this proposal for the next 30 days. Unless we receive convincing new information during the comment period, we intend to publish a final approval action that will incorporate these rules into the federally enforceable SIP.

III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the Clean Air Act, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the Act and applicable Federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve State choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. Accordingly, this proposed action merely proposes to approve State law as meeting Federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by State law. For that reason, this proposed action:

- Is not a "significant regulatory action" subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993);
- does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.);
- is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);
- does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4);
- does not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);

- is not an economically significant regulatory action based on health or safety risks subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997);
- is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);
- is not subject to requirements of Section 12(d) of the National

Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the Clean Air Act; and

- does not provide EPA with the discretionary authority to address disproportionate human health or environmental effects with practical, appropriate, and legally permissible methods under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

In addition, this proposed action does not have tribal implications as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), because the SIP is not approved to apply in Indian country located in the State, and EPA notes that it will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

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

Dated: June 12, 2013.

Jared Blumenfeld,

Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 228

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Ocean Dumping; Atchafalaya-West Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site Designation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule and draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 21, 2013, EPA Region 6 proposed to designate the Atchafalaya-West Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site pursuant to the draft EIS, "Designation of the Atchafalaya River

Bar Channel Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site Pursuant to Section 102(c) of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana" (March 2013). We are hereby extending the public comment period for the proposed rule and the draft EIS.

DATES: *Comments.* The comment period for the proposed rule and draft EIS published May 21, 2013 (78 FR 29687), is extended. The end of the public comment period is now extended to August 8, 2013. Comments must be received or postmarked by that date.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket No. EPA-R06-OW-2013-0221, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>; follow the online instruction for submitting comments.
- *Email:* Dr. Jessica Franks at franks.jessica@epa.gov
- *Fax:* Dr. Jessica Franks, Marine and Coastal Section (6WQ-EC) at fax number 214-665-6689.
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Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket No. EPA-R06-OW-2013-0221. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov Web site is 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 email comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov your email 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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule and draft EIS may both be obtained via the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/ecopro/current_action.html or the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. To obtain hardcopies of these documents please contact Dr. Jessica Franks using the contact information provided above.

List of subjects in 40 CFR Part 228

Environmental protection, Water pollution control.

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