

as stringent as the requirements at 40 CFR 51.165, as amended by the final rule titled "Implementation of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: State Implementation Plan Requirements" (SIP Requirements Rule), for ozone and its precursors.¹ See 80 FR 12264 (March 6, 2015).

Please see additional information provided in the direct final action published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 2017 (82 FR 45475) and in the companion proposed rule which was also published on September 29, 2017 (82 FR 45547). In the DFR, we stated that if we received adverse comment by October 30, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA subsequently received an adverse comment. As a result of the comment received, EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule approving Maryland's SIP revision related to NNSR requirements for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

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

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Cosmo Servidio,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

■ Accordingly, the amendment to 40 CFR 52.1070(e) published on September 29, 2017 (82 FR 45475) is withdrawn as of November 22, 2017.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0396; FRL-9971-13-Region 3]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; 2011 Base Year Inventory for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Baltimore, Maryland Nonattainment Area; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to adverse comments received, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the October 3, 2017 direct final rule that approved a state implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maryland to add the 2011 base year inventory for the Baltimore, Maryland moderate nonattainment area for the 2008 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) into Maryland's SIP. EPA stated in the direct final rule that if EPA received adverse comments by November 2, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA subsequently received adverse comments. EPA will address the comments received in a subsequent final action based upon the proposed rulemaking action also published on October 3, 2017. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 82 FR 45997, on October 3, 2017, is withdrawn as of November 22, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 20, 2016, the State of Maryland submitted the 2011 base year emission inventory through the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to meet the nonattainment requirements for moderate ozone nonattainment areas for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS. In the direct final rule published on October 3, 2017 (82 FR 45997), EPA stated that if EPA received adverse comments by November 2, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA subsequently received adverse comments from anonymous commenters.

Because adverse comments were received, EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule approving the revisions to the Maryland SIP that approves the 2011

base year inventory for the Baltimore, Maryland moderate nonattainment area for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS on October 3, 2017 (82 FR 45997). EPA will respond to the adverse comments in a separate final rulemaking action.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

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

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40 CFR Part 52

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Air Plan Approval; GA: Emission Reduction Credits

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to the receipt of an adverse comment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the September 25, 2017, direct final rule that would have approved changes to the Georgia State Implementation Plan (SIP) to revise the Emission Reduction Credits (ERC) regulation. EPA will address the comment in a separate final action based upon the proposed rulemaking action, also published on September 25, 2017. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 82 FR 44519, on September 25, 2017, is withdrawn, effective November 22, 2017.

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¹ The SIP Requirements Rule addresses a range of nonattainment area SIP requirements for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS, including requirements pertaining to attainment demonstrations, reasonable further progress (RFP), reasonably available control technology, reasonably available control measures, major new source review, emission inventories, and the timing of SIP submissions and of compliance with emission control measures in the SIP. The rule also revokes the 1997 ozone NAAQS and establishes anti-backsliding requirements.