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#### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 3

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Disability benefits, Veterans.

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For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Department of Veterans Affairs amends 38 CFR part 3 as set forth below:

#### PART 3—ADJUDICATION

##### Subpart A—Pension, Compensation, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

■ 1. The authority citation for part 3, subpart A continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Amend § 3.321 by revising the heading of paragraph (b), and revising paragraph (b)(1), to read as follows:

##### § 3.321 General rating considerations:

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(b) *Extra-schedular ratings in unusual cases*—(1) *Disability compensation.* Ratings shall be based, as far as practicable, upon the average impairments of earning capacity with the additional proviso that the Secretary shall from time to time readjust this schedule of ratings in accordance with experience. To accord justice to the exceptional case where the schedular evaluation is inadequate to rate a single service-connected disability, the Director of Compensation Service or his or her delegate is authorized to approve on the basis of the criteria set forth in this paragraph (b), an extra-schedular evaluation commensurate with the average impairment of earning capacity due exclusively to the disability. The governing norm in these exceptional cases is a finding by the Director of Compensation Service or delegatee that application of the regular schedular standards is impractical because the disability is so exceptional or unusual due to such related factors as marked interference with employment or frequent periods of hospitalization.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R05–OAR–2016–0058; FRL–9971–80—Region 5]

##### Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Regional Haze Progress Report; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule

**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 October 18, 2017, direct final rule approving the Michigan regional haze progress report under the Clean Air Act (CAA) as a revision to the Michigan State Implementation Plan (SIP).

**DATES:** The direct final rule published at 82 FR 48435 on October 18, 2017, is withdrawn effective December 8, 2017.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the direct final rule, EPA stated that if adverse comments were submitted by November 17, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA received an adverse comment prior to the close of the comment period and, therefore, is withdrawing the direct final rule. EPA will address the comment in a subsequent final action based upon the proposed action also published on October 18, 2017 (82 FR 48473). EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

##### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

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

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

Dated: November 17, 2017.

**Robert A. Kaplan,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

##### PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

■ Accordingly, the amendment to 40 CFR 52.1170 published in the **Federal**

**Register** on October 18, 2017 (82 FR 48435), on page 48439 is withdrawn effective December 8, 2017.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R03–OAR–2014–0701; FRL–9971–70—Region 3]

##### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Standard; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule

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

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Due to receipt of adverse comment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the direct final rule to approve revisions to the District of Columbia state implementation plan (SIP) pertaining to the infrastructure requirement for interstate transport of pollution with respect to the 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). In the direct final rule published on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 (82 FR 48439), EPA stated that if we received adverse comment by November 17, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA subsequently received adverse comment. EPA will address the comments received in a subsequent final rulemaking action based upon the proposed action, also published on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 (82 FR 48472). EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

**DATES:** The direct final rule published at 82 FR 48439 on October 18, 2017 is withdrawn effective December 8, 2017.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 17, 2014, the District of Columbia (the District) through the District Department of Energy and the Environment (DDOEE) submitted a SIP revision addressing the infrastructure requirements under section 110(a)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the 2010 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. In the direct final rule published on October 18, 2017 (82 FR 48439), EPA stated that if EPA