

Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Department of Transportation are required to use the provisions of the Missoula PM<sub>10</sub> LMP for future transportation conformity determinations for projects in the Missoula PM<sub>10</sub> nonattainment area. Please refer to 40 CFR 81.327 for a description of the nonattainment area boundary. On the effective date of this adequacy determination, the previously-approved PM<sub>10</sub> MVEB of 16,119 pounds per day of PM<sub>10</sub><sup>4</sup> for the Missoula PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS nonattainment area will no longer be applicable for transportation conformity purposes.

Please note that our adequacy review of the LMP for transportation conformity is separate from our future rulemaking action on the Missoula PM<sub>10</sub> redesignation request and LMP SIP revision and should not be used to prejudice our ultimate approval or disapproval of that SIP revision. Even if we find the Missoula PM<sub>10</sub> LMP adequate for transportation conformity purposes now, we may later find it necessary to disapprove the SIP revision. Should this situation arise, we would revisit our adequacy finding.

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

Dated: September 14, 2018.

**Douglas Benevento,**

*Regional Administrator, EPA Region 8.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0502; FRL-9984-48-Region 3]

### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Permits for Construction and Major Modification of Major Stationary Sources for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a state implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of West Virginia. This revision pertains to West Virginia's Prevention of Significant Deterioration

(PSD) program. This action is being taken under the Clean Air Act (CAA).

**DATES:** This final rule is effective on October 29, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID Number EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0502. All documents in the docket are listed on the <http://www.regulations.gov> website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., confidential business information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available through <http://www.regulations.gov>, or please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for additional availability information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Talley, (215) 814-2117, or by email at [talley.david@epa.gov](mailto:talley.david@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

On July 5, 2018 (83 FR 31348), EPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for the State of West Virginia. In the NPRM, EPA proposed approval of a revision to the PSD regulations found at title 45, chapter 14 of the Code of State Rules (CSR) as a revision to the West Virginia SIP. The formal SIP revision was submitted by West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) on behalf of the State of West Virginia on June 6, 2017.

WVDEP's June 6, 2017 SIP submittal included a number of revisions to West Virginia's PSD regulations under 45CSR14. The revisions were largely non-substantive and administrative in nature. However, as discussed in subsequent sections of this notice, WVDEP's SIP submittal also contained revisions to PSD provisions relating to the regulation of greenhouse gases (GHGs).

In a June 3, 2010 final rulemaking action, EPA promulgated regulations known as "the Tailoring Rule," which phased in permitting requirements for GHG emissions from stationary sources under the CAA PSD and title V permitting programs. See 75 FR 31514. For Step 1 of the Tailoring Rule, which began on January 2, 2011, PSD or title V requirements applied to sources of GHG emissions only if the sources were subject to PSD or title V "anyway" due to their emissions of non-GHG pollutants. These sources are referred to

as "anyway sources." Step 2 of the Tailoring Rule, which began on July 1, 2011, applied the PSD and title V permitting requirements under the CAA to sources that were classified as major, and, thus, required to obtain a permit, based solely on their potential GHG emissions. Step 2 also applied to modifications of otherwise major sources that required a PSD permit because they increased only GHGs above applicable levels in the EPA regulations.

On June 23, 2014, the United States Supreme Court, in *Utility Air Regulatory Group (UARG) v. Environmental Protection Agency*,<sup>1</sup> issued a decision addressing the Tailoring Rule and the application of PSD permitting requirements to GHG emissions. The Supreme Court said that the EPA may not treat GHGs as an air pollutant for purposes of determining whether a source is a major source required to obtain a PSD permit. The Court also said that the EPA could continue to require that PSD permits, otherwise required based on emissions of pollutants other than GHGs, contain limitations on GHG emissions based on the application of Best Available Control Technology (BACT). The Supreme Court decision effectively upheld PSD permitting requirements for GHG emissions under Step 1 of the Tailoring Rule for "anyway sources" and invalidated PSD permitting requirements for Step 2 sources.

In accordance with the Supreme Court decision, on April 10, 2015, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (D.C. Circuit) issued an amended judgment vacating the regulations that implemented Step 2 of the Tailoring Rule, but not the regulations that implement Step 1 of the Tailoring Rule.<sup>2</sup> The amended judgment preserves, without the need for additional rulemaking by the EPA, the application of the BACT requirement to GHG emissions from sources that are required to obtain a PSD permit based on emissions of pollutants other than GHGs (*i.e.*, the "anyway" sources). The D.C. Circuit's judgment vacated the regulations at issue in the litigation, including 40 CFR 51.166(b)(48)(v), "to the extent they require a stationary source to obtain a PSD permit if greenhouse gases are the only pollutant (i) that the source emits or has the potential to emit above the applicable major source thresholds, or (ii) for

<sup>1</sup> See 134 S.Ct. 2427.

<sup>2</sup> *Coalition for Responsible Regulation v. EPA*, D.C. Cir., No. 09-1322, 06/26/20, judgment entered for No. 09-1322 on 04/10/2015.

<sup>4</sup> The PM<sub>10</sub> MVEB was originally derived from the motor vehicle source category of the emissions inventory for the Missoula PM<sub>10</sub> nonattainment area; see the EPA's SIP approvals of December 13, 1994 (59 FR 64133) and August 30, 1995 (60 FR 45051.)

which there is a significant emissions increase from a modification.”<sup>3</sup>

In response to these court decisions, EPA took final action on August 19, 2015 to remove the vacated elements from the federal PSD program. *See* 80 FR 50199. As discussed further in Section II of this notice, WVDEP’s June 6, 2017 submittal included revisions enacted in order to make WVDEP’s PSD program consistent with the federal program.

## II. Summary of SIP Revision and EPA Analysis

WVDEP’s June 6, 2017 submittal included revisions to the definition of “subject to regulation” at subdivision 2.80 of 45–14–2. Specifically, subdivisions 2.80.e, 2.80.f, and 2.80.g were deleted in their entirety. These subdivisions were the mechanism through which WVDEP implemented the Tailoring Rule Step 2 provisions which were vacated and revised by EPA as a result of the *UARG v. EPA* decision discussed in Section I of this notice. WVDEP’s revised definition of “subject to regulation” is consistent with the federal definition at 40 CFR 51.166(b)(48)(v) and 52.21(b)(49)(v), and ensures that the preconstruction permitting requirements of WVDEP’s PSD program will be applied to GHG sources in a manner consistent with the Supreme Court decision in *UARG v. EPA*. Further, EPA finds that these deletions are in accordance with section 110(l) of the CAA because they will not interfere with any applicable requirement concerning attainment and reasonable further progress, or any other applicable CAA requirement.

In addition to the previously discussed revisions, WVDEP’s June 6, 2017 submittal included a number of non-substantive, clarifying or administrative revisions. These include the filing date and effective date at subdivisions 45–14–1.3 and 45–14–1.4, and the removal of references to the deleted subdivisions discussed in Section II.A of this notice. WVDEP provided an underline/strikeout version of 45CSR14 so that all of the revisions can be tracked. A copy of this is included in the docket for today’s action.

Other specific requirements of West Virginia’s June 6, 2017 submittal and the rationale for EPA’s proposed action are explained in the NPR and will not be restated here.

## III. Public Comments

EPA received one set of comments on the July 5, 2018 NPR. These comments

are included in the docket for this action. However, the comments did not concern any of the specific issues raised in the NPR, nor did they address EPA’s rationale for the proposed approval of WVDEP’s submittal. Therefore, EPA is not addressing them here.

## IV. Final Action

EPA is approving WVDEP’s June 6, 2017 submittal as a revision to the West Virginia SIP.

## V. Incorporation by Reference

In this document, EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, EPA is finalizing the incorporation by reference of the West Virginia rules regarding definitions and permitting requirements discussed in Section II of this preamble. EPA has made, and will continue to make, these materials generally available through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and at the EPA Region III Office (please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this preamble for more information). Therefore, these materials have been approved by EPA for inclusion in the SIP, have been incorporated by reference by EPA into that plan, are fully federally enforceable under sections 110 and 113 of the CAA as of the effective date of the final rulemaking of EPA’s approval, and will be incorporated by reference in the next update to the SIP compilation.<sup>4</sup>

## VI. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

### A. General Requirements

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the CAA 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 CAA. Accordingly, this action merely approves state law as meeting federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. For that reason, this action:

- Is not a “significant regulatory action” subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Orders 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993) and 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011);
- Is not an Executive Order 13771 (82 FR 9339, February 2, 2017) regulatory

action because SIP approvals are exempted under Executive Order 12866;

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

In addition, this rule 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.

### B. Submission to Congress and the Comptroller General

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this action and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> 62 FR 27968 (May 22, 1997).

is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

*C. Petitions for Judicial Review*

Under section 307(b)(1) of the CAA, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by November 26, 2018. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this action 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 pertaining to West Virginia’s PSD program 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, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: September 10, 2018.

**Cecil Rodrigues,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

40 CFR part 52 is amended as follows:

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

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

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

**Subpart XX—West Virginia**

■ 2. In § 52.2520, the table entitled “EPA-Approved Regulations in the West Virginia SIP” in paragraph (c) is amended by revising the entries for sections 45–14–1 through 45–14–21, 45–14–25, and 45–14–26 to read as follows:

**§ 52.2520 Identification of plan.**

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**EPA-APPROVED REGULATIONS IN THE WEST VIRGINIA SIP**

State citation [Chapter 16–20 or 45 CSR]	Title/subject	State effective date	EPA approval date	Additional explanation/ citation at 40 CFR 52.2565
*	*	*	*	*
<b>[45CSR] Series 1 Permits for Construction and Major Modification of Major Stationary Sources of Air Pollution for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration</b>				
Section 45–14–1 ....	General .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–2 ....	Definitions .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes; revised definition of “subject to regulation”.
Section 45–14–3 ....	Applicability .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	New state effective date.
Section 45–14–4 ....	Ambient Air Quality Increments and Ceilings	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	New state effective date.
Section 45–14–5 ....	Area Classification .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	New state effective date.
Section 45–14–6 ....	Prohibition of Dispersion Enhancement Techniques.	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	New state effective date.
Section 45–14–7 ....	Registration, Report and Permit Requirements for Major Stationary Sources and Major Modifications.	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–8 ....	Requirements Relating to Control Technology.	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–9 ....	Requirements Relating to the Source’s Impact on Air Quality.	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–10 ..	Modeling Requirements .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	New state effective date.
Section 45–14–11 ..	Air Quality Monitoring Requirements .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–12 ..	Additional Impacts Analysis Requirements ...	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	New state effective date.
Section 45–14–13 ..	Additional Requirements and Variances for Source Impacting Federal Class 1 Areas.	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–14 ..	Procedures for Sources Employing Innovative Control Technology.	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–15 ..	Exclusions From Increment Consumption ....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–16 ..	Specific Exemptions .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–17 ..	Public Review Procedures .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–18 ..	Public Meetings .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	New state effective date.
Section 45–14–19 ..	Permit Transfer, Cancellation and Responsibility.	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.

EPA-APPROVED REGULATIONS IN THE WEST VIRGINIA SIP—Continued

State citation [Chapter 16–20 or 45 CSR]	Title/subject	State effective date	EPA approval date	Additional explanation/cita- tion at 40 CFR 52.2565
Section 45–14–20 ..	Disposition of Permits .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	New state effective date.
Section 45–14–21 ..	Conflict with Other Permitting Rules .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–25 ..	Actual PALs .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
Section 45–14–26 ..	Inconsistency Between Rules .....	6/1/17	9/27/2018 [Insert <b>Federal Register</b> citation].	Administrative changes.
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**44 CFR Part 64**

[Docket ID FEMA–2018–0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–8549]

**Suspension of Community Eligibility**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule identifies communities where the sale of flood insurance has been authorized under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that are scheduled for suspension on the effective dates listed within this rule because of noncompliance with the floodplain management requirements of the program. If the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) receives documentation that the community has adopted the required floodplain management measures prior to the effective suspension date given in this rule, the suspension will not occur and a notice of this will be provided by publication in the **Federal Register** on a subsequent date. Also, information identifying the current participation status of a community can be obtained from FEMA’s Community Status Book (CSB). The CSB is available at <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-status-book>.

**DATES:** The effective date of each community’s scheduled suspension is the third date (“Susp.”) listed in the third column of the following tables.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you want to determine whether a particular community was suspended on the suspension date or for further information, contact Adrienne L. Sheldon, PE, CFM, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 212–3966.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NFIP enables property owners to purchase Federal flood insurance that is not otherwise generally available from private insurers. In return, communities agree to adopt and administer local floodplain management measures aimed at protecting lives and new construction from future flooding. Section 1315 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4022, prohibits the sale of NFIP flood insurance unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective enforcement measures. The communities listed in this document no longer meet that statutory requirement for compliance with program regulations, 44 CFR part 59. Accordingly, the communities will be suspended on the effective date in the third column. As of that date, flood insurance will no longer be available in the community. We recognize that some of these communities may adopt and submit the required documentation of legally enforceable floodplain management measures after this rule is published but prior to the actual suspension date. These communities will not be suspended and will continue to be eligible for the sale of NFIP flood insurance. A notice withdrawing the suspension of such communities will be published in the **Federal Register**.

In addition, FEMA publishes a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that identifies the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in these communities. The date of the FIRM, if one has been

published, is indicated in the fourth column of the table. No direct Federal financial assistance (except assistance pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act not in connection with a flood) may be provided for construction or acquisition of buildings in identified SFHAs for communities not participating in the NFIP and identified for more than a year on FEMA’s initial FIRM for the community as having flood-prone areas (section 202(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4106(a), as amended). This prohibition against certain types of Federal assistance becomes effective for the communities listed on the date shown in the last column. The Administrator finds that notice and public comment procedures under 5 U.S.C. 553(b), are impracticable and unnecessary because communities listed in this final rule have been adequately notified.

Each community receives 6-month, 90-day, and 30-day notification letters addressed to the Chief Executive Officer stating that the community will be suspended unless the required floodplain management measures are met prior to the effective suspension date. Since these notifications were made, this final rule may take effect within less than 30 days.

*National Environmental Policy Act.* FEMA has determined that the community suspension(s) included in this rule is a non-discretionary action and therefore the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) does not apply.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act.* The Administrator has determined that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, Section 1315, 42 U.S.C. 4022, prohibits flood insurance coverage unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective