

the State's request to limit an approval of its budgets only if the request includes the following elements:<sup>141</sup>

- An acknowledgement and explanation as to why the budgets under consideration have become outdated or deficient;
- A commitment to update the budgets as part of a comprehensive SIP update; and
- A request that the EPA limit the duration of its approval to the time when new budgets have been found to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

Because CARB's request does not include all of these elements, we cannot at this time propose to limit the duration of our approval of the submitted budgets. In order to limit the approval, we would need the information described above in order to determine whether such limitation is reasonable and appropriate in this case. Once CARB has provided the necessary information, we intend to review it and take appropriate action. If we propose to limit the duration of our approval of the budgets in the Portola PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan, we will provide the public an opportunity to comment. The duration of the approval of the budgets, however, would not be limited until we complete such a rulemaking.

#### V. Summary of Proposed Actions and Request for Public Comment

Under CAA sections 110(k)(3), the EPA is proposing to approve SIP revisions submitted by California to address the Act's Moderate area planning requirements for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS in the Portola nonattainment area. Specifically, the EPA is proposing to approve the following elements of the Portola PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan:

1. The 2013 base year emissions inventories as meeting the requirements of CAA section 172(c)(3);
2. The reasonably available control measure/reasonably available control technology demonstration as meeting the requirements of CAA sections 172(c)(1) and 189(a)(1)(C);
3. The attainment demonstration as meeting the requirements of CAA sections 172(c)(1) and 189(a)(1)(B);
4. The reasonable further progress demonstration as meeting the requirements of CAA section 172(c)(2);
5. The quantitative milestones as meeting the requirements of CAA section 189(c); and
6. The motor vehicle emissions budgets for 2019 and 2021, because they

are derived from approvable attainment and RFP demonstrations and meet the requirements of CAA section 176(c) and 40 CFR part 93, subpart A.

The EPA is not proposing any action at this time on the contingency measures or the post-attainment year (2022) budget in the Portola PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan.

We will accept comments from the public on these proposals for the next 30 days. The deadline and instructions for submission of comments are provided in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections at the beginning of this preamble.

#### VI. 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, the 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 Orders 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993) and 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011);
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- 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 the 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, the SIP is not approved to apply on any Indian reservation land or in any other area where the EPA or an Indian tribe has demonstrated that a tribe has jurisdiction. In those areas of Indian country, the rule does not have tribal implications and will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000).

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

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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

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**Deborah Jordan,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R09-OAR-2018-0787; FRL-9988-18-Region 9]

#### Air Plan Approval; California; Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District; Optional General SIP Category

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a revision to the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). This revision concerns emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from organic liquid loading. We are proposing to approve revisions to a local rule to regulate these emission sources under the Clean Air Act (CAA or the Act). We are taking comments on this

<sup>141</sup> 67 FR 69141 (November 15, 2002), limiting our prior approval of budgets in certain California SIPs.

proposal and plan to follow with a final action.

**DATES:** Any comments must arrive by January 17, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R09-OAR-2018-0787 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. For comments submitted at *Regulations.gov*, follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. For either manner of submission, the EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the

official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Newhouse, EPA Region IX, (415) 972-3004, [newhouse.rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:newhouse.rebecca@epa.gov).

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

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**I. The State’s Submittal**

*A. What rule did the State submit?*

Table 1 lists the rule addressed by this proposal with the dates that it was adopted by the local air agency and submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

TABLE 1—SUBMITTED RULE

Local agency	Rule #	Rule title	Amended	Submitted
AVAQMD .....	462	Organic Liquid Loading <sup>1</sup> .....	09/19/17	11/13/17

<sup>1</sup> Subsequent to the submittal of Rule 462, the District made two minor administrative corrections to the rule text. The EPA is proposing to approve the corrected version of the rule. More information on these corrections can be found in the TSD.

On May 13, 2018, the submittal for AVAQMD was deemed by operation of law to meet the completeness criteria in 40 CFR part 51 Appendix V, which must be met before formal EPA review.

*B. Are there other versions of this rule?*

We approved an earlier version of Rule 462 into the SIP on October 5, 1979 (47 FR 29668). The AVAQMD adopted revisions to the SIP-approved version on September 19, 2017, and CARB submitted them to us on November 13, 2017.

*C. What is the purpose of the rule revision?*

VOCs help produce ground-level ozone, smog and particulate matter (PM), which harm human health and the environment. Section 110(a) of the CAA requires states to submit regulations that control VOC emissions. SIP-approved Rule 462 establishes VOC emission limits for organic liquid and gasoline transfers into delivery vessels at bulk terminals and bulk gasoline plants. It also describes inspection, recordkeeping, and work-practice requirements for organic liquid and gasoline transfers at these facilities. Revisions to the SIP-approved version of Rule 462 adopted on September 19, 2017, include lowering VOC emission limits for organic liquid and gasoline transfers at facilities transferring over

20,000 gallons of organic liquid per day from 0.65 lbs VOCs per 1000 gallons transferred to 0.08 lbs VOCs per 1000 gallons transferred; requiring those facilities to install and maintain a continuous emissions monitoring system; and requiring VOC vapor control efficiency of 90 percent for specified facilities existing prior to January 9, 1976, which load less than 20,000 gallons of gasoline per day. Revisions also require vapor recovery systems at specified organic liquid and gasoline transfer facilities be CARB-certified; strengthen inspection and record keeping requirements; and make other clarifying and conforming changes.

Additionally, on October 10, 2017 (82 FR 46923), the EPA partially conditionally approved AVAQMD’s reasonably available control technology (RACT) demonstrations for the 1997 8-hr ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and the 2008 8-hr ozone NAAQS (also referred to as the 2006 and 2015 RACT SIPs) with respect to Rule 462, based on commitments from AVAQMD to revise and submit amendments to Rule 462 that remedy specific deficiencies. These deficiencies were identified in our December 15, 2016 proposed partial approval and partial disapproval (81 FR 90754) and referenced in our July 28, 2017 proposal

(82 FR 35149). For Rule 462, the deficiency was identified as a “facility vapor leak” definition that was inconsistent with the test method specified to conduct vapor leak measurements. Revisions to Rule 462 on September 19, 2017, corrected the deficiency. The EPA’s technical support document (TSD) has more information about this rule.

**II. The EPA’s Evaluation and Action**

*A. How is the EPA evaluating the rule?*

SIP rules must be enforceable (see CAA section 110(a)(2)), must not interfere with applicable requirements concerning attainment and reasonable further progress or other CAA requirements (see CAA section 110(l)), and must not modify certain SIP control requirements in nonattainment areas without ensuring equivalent or greater emissions reductions (see CAA section 193).

Generally, SIP rules must require RACT for each category of sources covered by a Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) document as well as each major source of VOCs in ozone nonattainment areas classified as moderate or above (see CAA section 182(b)(2)). The AVAQMD regulates an ozone nonattainment area classified as Severe for the 1997 and 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS (40 CFR 81.305).

Therefore, this rule must implement RACT. In addition, the rule was evaluated to ensure it met the commitment made by the AVAQM that served as the basis for the partial conditional approval of the AVAQM 2006 and 2015 RACT SIPs with respect to Rule 462 (82 FR 46923).

Guidance and policy documents that we used to evaluate enforceability, revision/relaxation and rule stringency requirements for the applicable criteria pollutants include the following:

1. "State Implementation Plans; General Preamble for the Implementation of Title I of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990," 57 FR 13498 (April 16, 1992); 57 FR 18070 (April 28, 1992).
2. "Issues Relating to VOC Regulation Cutpoints, Deficiencies, and Deviations," EPA, May 25, 1988 (the Bluebook, revised January 11, 1990).
3. "Guidance Document for Correcting Common VOC & Other Rule Deficiencies," EPA Region 9, August 21, 2001 (the Little Bluebook).
4. "Control of Volatile Organic Emissions from Bulk Gasoline Plants," EPA-450/2-77-035, December 1977.
5. "Control of Hydrocarbons from Tank Truck Gasoline Loading Terminals," EPA-450/2-77-026, October 1977.

#### *B. Does the rule meet the evaluation criteria?*

This rule is consistent with CAA requirements and relevant guidance regarding enforceability, RACT, and SIP revisions, and meets the District's commitment to remedy the Rule 462 deficiency identified in the RACT SIP conditional approval (82 FR 46923). The TSD has more information on our evaluation.

#### *C. EPA Recommendations to Further Improve the Rule*

The TSD describes additional rule revisions that we recommend for the next time the local agency modifies the rule.

#### *D. Public Comment and Proposed Action*

As authorized in section 110(k)(3) of the Act, the EPA proposes to fully approve the submitted rule because it fulfills all relevant requirements. We will accept comments from the public on this proposal until January 17, 2019. If we take final action to approve the submitted rule, our final action will incorporate this rule into the federally enforceable SIP.

### III. Incorporation by Reference

In this rule, the EPA is proposing to include in a final EPA rule regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, the EPA is proposing to incorporate by reference the AVAQM rule described in Table 1 of this preamble. The EPA has made, and will continue to make, these materials available through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and at the EPA Region IX Office (please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this preamble for more information).

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

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

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### Air Plan Approval; Alabama; Regional Haze Progress Report

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Alabama through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) with a letter dated June 26, 2018. Alabama's SIP revision (Progress Report) addresses requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) and EPA's rules that require each state to submit periodic reports describing progress towards reasonable