

land. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this action.

G. Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks

The EPA interprets Executive Order 13045 as applying only to those regulatory actions that concern environmental health or safety risks that the EPA has reason to believe may disproportionately affect children, per the definition of “covered regulatory action” in section 2–202 of the Executive Order. Therefore, this action is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it does not concern an environmental health risk or safety risk. Since this action does not concern human health, EPA’s Policy on Children’s Health also does not apply.

H. Executive Order 13211: Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution or Use

This action is not subject to Executive Order 13211, because it is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866.

I. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act

This rulemaking does not involve technical standards.

J. Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations and Executive Order 14096: Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All

The EPA finds that this action does not concern human health or environmental conditions and therefore cannot be evaluated with respect to potentially disproportionate and adverse effects on communities with environmental justice concerns. This action changes the fourth-level paragraph designation of the EPA’s PSD regulations contained in 40 CFR 51.166 and 40 CFR 52.21 to conform with OFR requirements. This action makes very minor technical amendments to correct non-substantive errors in existing rules.

K. Congressional Review Act (CRA)

This action is subject to the CRA, and the EPA will submit a rule report to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. The CRA allows the issuing agency to make a rule effective sooner than otherwise provided by the CRA if the agency makes a good cause finding that notice and comment rulemaking procedures are impracticable,

unnecessary or contrary to the public interest. 5 U.S.C. 808(2). The EPA has made a good cause finding for this rule as discussed in the Final Action section of this rulemaking, including the basis for that finding.

V. Statutory Authority

Statutory authority to issue the amendments finalized in this action is provided by the same CAA provisions that provided authority to issue the regulations being amended: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.* Statutory authority for the rulemaking procedures followed in this action is provided by APA section 553, 5 U.S.C. 553.

VI. 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 D.C. Circuit within 60 days from October 22, 2024. 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 may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements (section 307(b)(2) of the CAA).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Parts 51 and 52

Environmental protection, Administrative practices and procedures, Air pollution control, New source review, Preconstruction permitting, Prevention of significant deterioration.

Michael S. Regan,
Administrator.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, title 40, Chapter I of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 51—REQUIREMENTS FOR PREPARATION, ADOPTION, AND SUBMITTAL OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 51 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 101; 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

Subpart I—Review of New Sources and Modifications

§ 51.166 [Amended]

■ 2. In § 51.166 revise the paragraph level designation for the 4th paragraph level from lowercase italic letters to uppercase non-italic letters.

PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

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

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

Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 52.21 [Amended]

■ 4. In § 52.21, revise the paragraph level designation for the 4th paragraph level from lowercase italic letters to uppercase non-italic letters.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R03–OAR–2023–0301; FRL–10191–02–R3]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Delaware; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving the regional haze State implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted by Delaware on August 8, 2022, and supplemented on March 7, 2024, as satisfying applicable requirements under the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the EPA’s Regional Haze Rule (RHR) for the program’s second implementation period. Delaware’s SIP submission addresses the requirement that States must periodically revise their long-term strategies for making reasonable progress towards the national goal of preventing any future, and remedying any existing, anthropogenic impairment of visibility, including regional haze, in mandatory Class I Federal areas. The SIP submission also addresses other applicable requirements for the second implementation period of the regional haze program.

DATES: This final rule is effective on November 21, 2024.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID Number EPA–R03–OAR–2023–0301. All documents in the docket are listed on the 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 www.regulations.gov, or please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for additional availability information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Yarina, Planning & Implementation Branch (3AD30), Air & Radiation Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3, 1600 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103–2852. The telephone number is (215) 814–2108. Mr. Yarina can also be reached via electronic mail at yarina.adam@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On August 8, 2022, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) submitted a revision to its SIP to address regional haze for the second implementation period; with a supplement submitted on March 7, 2024 which included title V permit provisions for three facilities owned by Calpine Mid-Atlantic Generation, LLC to be incorporated into the Delaware SIP. EPA reviewed and evaluated the State's selection and modification of the applicable title V permits to incorporate the regional haze requirements of the second implementation period. DNREC updated Title V permits for Calpine Christiana Energy Center, Calpine Delaware City Energy Center, and Calpine West Energy Center after conducting four-factor analyses and added the 88 ppm NO_x emission limit during April and October. Delaware issued the new permits on May 19, 2021 and included them in appendix 10–2 of its SIP submittal; redacted copies of these permits were subsequently resubmitted to EPA with an effective date of December 19, 2023 so that the portions relevant to compliance with the regional haze requirements of the second planning period could be incorporated into the Delaware SIP.¹ DNREC made this SIP submission to satisfy the requirements of the CAA's regional haze program pursuant to CAA

¹ DNREC provided a clarification of this supplemental SIP submittal on May 28, 2024, that specified which provisions of the title V permits it intended to be incorporated by reference into the Delaware SIP. As a result, the 88 ppm NO_x emission limit as extended to April and October and related permit conditions will be federally enforceable.

sections 169A and 169B and 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 51.308. The full substance of the Delaware's regional haze SIP submission for the second planning period is discussed at length in the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

On August 19, 2024 (89 FR 67018), EPA published an NPRM proposing approval of Delaware's August 8, 2022 SIP submission and its March 7, 2024 supplement as satisfying the regional haze requirements for the second implementation period contained in the CAA and 40 CFR 51.308. EPA is now determining that the Delaware regional haze SIP submission for the second implementation period meets the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and is thus approving Delaware's submission into its SIP.

II. EPA's Response to Comments Received

EPA received three comments in response to the NPRM, two of which were unique. One comment originated from the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE–VU) in support of the EPA's proposed action, and the other comment originated from an individual and was not relevant. These comments are available in the docket for this action via Docket ID Number EPA–R03–OAR–2023–0301 on the www.regulations.gov website. EPA's summary of and response to the relevant comment is provided below.

Comment: MANE–VU submitted comments in support of the EPA's proposed action, stating:

MANE–VU supports EPA's proposal to approve Delaware's regional haze State implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted on August 8, 2022, and supplemented on March 7, 2024, as satisfying applicable requirements under the Clean Air Act (CAA) and EPA's Regional Haze Rule (RHR) for the second implementation period of the regional haze program. MANE–VU agrees that Delaware's haze SIP revision meets the requirements of CAA sections 169A and 169B and the RHR at 40 CFR 51.308. MANE–VU appreciates EPA's careful evaluation of Delaware's SIP submittal, as well as the constructive input and review that the federal land managers provided to Delaware and the other MANE–VU States as they developed their regional haze SIPs. MANE–VU notes that reducing haze-forming pollutants improves scenic vistas in our national parks and wilderness areas while also providing other economic, ecosystem and public health co-benefits.

Response: EPA appreciates and agrees with this comment.²

² To the extent that MANE–VU mentions EPA's review of other States' responses to the MANE–VU Asks and submits a list of States that MANE–VU's technical analysis found to be reasonably

III. Final Action

For the reasons set forth at length in the NPRM, EPA is approving, as a SIP revision, Delaware's August 8, 2022 SIP submission and its March 7, 2024 supplement as satisfying the regional haze requirements for the second implementation period contained in 40 CFR 51.308(f).

IV. 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 specific provisions of the revised title V permits for Calpine Christiana Energy Center, Calpine Delaware City Energy Center, and Calpine West Energy Center, dated and effective December 19, 2023, between DNREC and Calpine Mid-Atlantic Generation, LLC, which includes emission limits and associated permit conditions for these facilities to comply with Regional Haze requirements for the 2nd Planning Period, as discussed in section I of this document and included in the amendments to 40 CFR part 52 set forth below. These permit revisions are contained in DNREC's supplemental SIP submittal dated March 7, 2024, submitted on behalf of the State of Delaware; the portions of these permit revisions that will be incorporated by reference into the SIP are clarified by the DNREC Air Quality Division Director via a letter dated May 28, 2024. EPA has made, and will continue to make, these materials generally available through www.regulations.gov and at the EPA Region 3 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 rule of EPA's approval, and will be incorporated by reference in the next update to the SIP compilation.³

V. 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

anticipated to contribute to visibility impairment at one or more MANE–VU Class I areas, EPA views that comment as beyond the scope of this action such that no response is warranted.

³ 62 FR 27968 (May 22, 1997).

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);

- 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

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.

Executive Order 12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, 59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994) directs Federal

agencies to identify and address "disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects" of their actions on minority populations and low-income populations to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law. EPA defines environmental justice (EJ) as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies." EPA further defines the term fair treatment to mean that "no group of people should bear a disproportionate burden of environmental harms and risks, including those resulting from the negative environmental consequences of industrial, governmental, and commercial operations or programs and policies."

DNREC did not evaluate environmental justice considerations as part of its SIP submittal; the CAA and applicable implementing regulations neither prohibit nor require such an evaluation. EPA did not perform an EJ analysis and did not consider EJ in this action. Due to the nature of the action being taken here, this action is expected to have a neutral to positive impact on the air quality of the affected area. Consideration of EJ is not required as part of this action, and there is no information in the record inconsistent with the stated goal of Executive Order 12898 of achieving environmental justice for people of color, low-income populations, and Indigenous peoples.

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 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 December 23, 2024. 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 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, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Adam Ortiz,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, EPA amends 40 CFR part 52 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 I—Delaware

■ 2. Amend § 52.420:

■ a. In the table in paragraph (d) by adding entries for "Calpine Mid-Atlantic Generation, LLC—Christiana Energy Center"; "Calpine Mid-Atlantic Generation, LLC—Delaware City Energy Center"; and "Calpine Mid-Atlantic Generation, LLC—West Energy Center" at the end of the table; and

■ b. In the table in paragraph (e) by adding an entry for "Regional Haze Plan from 2018–2028" at the end of the table.

The additions read as follows:

§ 52.420 Identification of plan.

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EPA-APPROVED DELAWARE SOURCE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Name of source	Permit No.	State effective date	EPA approval date	Additional explanation
Calpine Mid-Atlantic Generation, LLC— Christiana Energy Center.	AQM-003/00317 (Renewal 5).	12/19/2023	October 22, 2024 [INSERT FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION].	Approved via Docket EPA-R03-OAR-2023-0301, as an element of Delaware's August 8, 2022, Regional Haze Plan from 2018-2028 and March 7, 2024, supplement.
Calpine Mid-Atlantic Generation, LLC— Delaware City Energy Center.	AQM-003/00005 (Renewal 5).	12/19/2023	October 22, 2024 [INSERT FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION].	Approved via Docket EPA-R03-OAR-2023-0301, as an element of Delaware's August 8, 2022, Regional Haze Plan from 2018-2028 and March 7, 2024, supplement.
Calpine Mid-Atlantic Generation, LLC— West Energy Center.	AQM-003/00006 (Renewal 5).	12/19/2023	October 22, 2024 [INSERT FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION].	Approved via Docket EPA-R03-OAR-2023-0301, as an element of Delaware's August 8, 2022, Regional Haze Plan from 2018-2028 and March 7, 2024, supplement.

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Name of non-regulatory SIP revision	Applicable geographic area	State submittal date	EPA approval date	Additional explanation
Regional Haze Plan from 2018-2028.	State-wide	8/8/2022	October 22, 2024 [INSERT Federal Register CITATION].	

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 63

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0406; FRL-10652-02-OAR]

RIN 2060-AV97

Removal of Affirmative Defense Provisions From the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Oil and Natural Gas Production Facility and Natural Gas Transmission and Storage Facility Source Categories

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is finalizing amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the oil and gas industry issued under the Clean Air Act (CAA). Specifically, the EPA is finalizing removal of the affirmative defense provisions in the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for both the Oil and Natural Gas Production source

category and the Natural Gas Transmission and Storage source category.

DATES: This final rule is effective October 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The EPA has established a docket for this rulemaking under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0406. All documents in the docket are listed on the <https://www.regulations.gov/> website. Although listed, 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 as pdf versions that can only be accessed on the EPA computers in the docket office reading room. Certain databases and physical items cannot be downloaded from the docket but may be requested by contacting the docket office at 202-566-1744. The docket office has up to 10 business days to respond to these requests. With the exception of such material, publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Witosky, Sector Policies and Programs Division (E143-05), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, P.O. Box 12055, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-2865; email address: witosky.matthew@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Organization of this document. The information in this preamble is organized as follows:

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