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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52****[EPA-R07-OAR-2023-0197; FRL-10826-02-R7]****Air Plan Approval; State of Missouri; Construction Permits by Rule****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving revisions to the Missouri State Implementation Plan (SIP) received on August 4, 2022. The submission removes a provision in the Missouri regulation “Construction Permits By Rule” that allows the burning of illegal and waste pharmaceutical drugs in crematories and animal incinerators. In the previous revision, submitted to EPA on March 7, 2019, EPA approved selected revisions of the rule but did not act on a portion of the revision that included the disposal of pharmaceuticals in crematories and animal incinerators because it conflicted with federal requirements on the incineration of illegal and waste pharmaceuticals. By removing the conflicting language, approval of these revisions ensures consistency between State and federally approved rules. These revisions along with other minor text changes are administrative in nature and do not impact the stringency of the SIP or air quality. The EPA’s approval of this rule revision is in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

DATES: This final rule is effective on September 5, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-R07-OAR-2023-0197. All documents in the docket are listed on the www.regulations.gov website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, 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 information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to EPA.

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I. What is being addressed in this document?

The EPA is approving a SIP revision submitted by the State of Missouri on August 4, 2022. Missouri requested the EPA to approve revisions to 10 Code of State Regulations (CSR) 10-6.062 in the Missouri SIP. The state has revised the rule to remove a provision in the Missouri regulation, “Construction Permits By Rule” that allowed the burning of illegal and waste pharmaceutical drugs in crematories and animal incinerators. In the previous revision, submitted to EPA on March 7, 2019, and in a final rulemaking, EPA approved selected revisions of the rule but did not act on a portion of the revision that included the disposal of pharmaceutical drugs because it conflicted with federal requirements on the incineration of illegal and waste pharmaceuticals. After review and analysis of the revisions, the EPA concluded that these changes do not have adverse effects on air quality. The full text of these changes can be found in the State’s submission, which is included in the docket for this action. The EPA’s analysis of the revisions can be found in the technical support document (TSD), also included in the docket.

II. Have the requirements for approval of a SIP revision been met?

The State submission has met the public notice requirements for SIP submissions in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102. The submission also satisfied the completeness criteria of 40 CFR part 51, appendix V. The State provided public notice on this SIP revision from 12/01/2021 to 2/03/2022 and received no comments. The EPA’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and supporting information contained in the docket were made available for public

comment from May 22, 2023, to June 21, 2023 (88 FR 32715).

The EPA received one comment. The commenter did not support the incineration of illegal and waste pharmaceuticals because of the potential negative human health and environmental impacts. The state removed the language in the rule allowing the incineration of illegal and waste pharmaceuticals. Therefore, the rule is consistent with federal regulations and EPA is able to approve this revision. The comment is included in the docket.

In addition, as explained above and in more detail in the TSD, which is part of this docket, the revision meets the substantive SIP requirements of the CAA, including section 110 and implementing regulations.

III. What action is the EPA taking?

The EPA is taking final action to amend the Missouri SIP by approving the State’s revisions to rule 10-6.062 “Construction Permits By Rule.” Approval of these revisions will ensure consistency between State and federally approved rules. As described in the NPRM (88 FR 32715), and the TSD, the EPA has determined that these changes meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act and will not adversely impact air quality or the stringency of the SIP.

IV. Incorporation by Reference

In this document, the EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, the EPA is finalizing the incorporation by reference of the Missouri rule 10 CSR 10-6.062, state effective date July 30, 2022, which regulates the process by which sources can be exempt from 10 CSR 10-6.060 Construction Permits Required. The EPA has made, and will continue to make, these materials generally available through www.regulations.gov and at the EPA Region 7 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 the EPA for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan, 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 the EPA’s approval, and will be incorporated by reference in the next update to the SIP compilation.¹

¹ 62 FR 27968, May 22, 1997.

V. 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 Clean Air Act 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 Clean Air Act. 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 14094 (88 FR 21879, April 11, 2023);
 - 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 subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) because it approves a state program;
 - Is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001); and
 - 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.
- In addition, the SIP is not approved to apply on any Indian reservation land

or in any other area where 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).

Executive Order 12898 (Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, 59 FR 7629, Feb. 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.”

Missouri 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. 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 E.O. 12898 of achieving environmental justice for people of color, low-income populations, and Indigenous peoples.

This action is subject to the Congressional Review Act, and EPA will submit a rule report to each House of

the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by October 3, 2023. 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, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: July 21, 2023.
Meghan A. McCollister,
Regional Administrator, Region 7.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the EPA amends 40 CFR part 52 as set forth below:

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.*

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- 2. In § 52.1320, the table in paragraph (c) is amended by revising the entry “10-6.062” to read as follows:

§ 52.1320 Identification of plan.
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EPA-APPROVED MISSOURI REGULATIONS

Missouri citation	Title	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanation
Missouri Department of Natural Resources				
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EPA-APPROVED MISSOURI REGULATIONS—Continued

Missouri citation	Title	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanation
10-6.062	Construction Permits by Rule	7/30/2022	8/4/2023, [insert Federal Register citation].	

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0618; FRL-9242-02-R4]

Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Volatile Organic Compound Regulations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing the approval of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to the North Carolina SIP, submitted by the State of North Carolina through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ), via a letter dated April 13, 2021. This SIP revision updates several NCDEQ air regulations which apply to sources that emit volatile organic compounds (VOC).

DATES: This rule is effective September 8, 2023.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0618. All documents in the docket are listed on the *regulations.gov* website. Although listed in the index, some information may not be publicly available, *i.e.*, Confidential Business Information 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 either electronically through *www.regulations.gov* or in hard copy at the Air Regulatory Management Section, Air Planning and Implementation Branch, Air and Radiation Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. EPA requests that

if at all possible, you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to schedule your inspection. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Spann, Air Regulatory Management Section, Air Planning and Implementation Branch, Air and Radiation Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Ms. Spann can be reached via electronic mail at *spann.jane@epa.gov* or via telephone at (404) 562-9029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. What action is EPA proposing to take?

EPA is finalizing the approval of changes to North Carolina's SIP that were provided to EPA through NCDAQ via a letter dated April 13, 2021.¹ Specifically, EPA is approving changes to 15A North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) Subchapter 02D, Section .0900, *Volatile Organic Compounds* (hereinafter referred to as Section .0900).² The April 13, 2021, revision to the North Carolina SIP transmits a few substantive changes and a number of changes that do not alter the meaning of the regulations, such as clarifying changes, updated cross-references, and several ministerial language changes. In addition, other changes include adding, deleting, and editing definitions and adding SIP-strengthening language.

North Carolina's Section .0900 rules regulate sources that emit greater than or equal to 15 pounds of VOC per day, unless otherwise specified in Section .0900. Most of the SIP changes to Section .0900 are ministerial and formatting changes, with clarifying

¹ EPA notes that the submittal was received through the State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS) on April 14, 2021. For clarity, this notice will refer to the submittal by the date on the cover letter, which is April 13, 2021.

² EPA notes that the Agency received several submittals revising the North Carolina SIP that were transmitted with the same April 13, 2021, cover letter. EPA has considered and will be considering action for these other SIP revisions in separate rulemakings.

changes throughout. Specifically, EPA is approving changes to Rules .0901, *Definitions*; .0902, *Applicability*; .0903, *Recordkeeping; Reporting; Monitoring*; .0906, *Circumvention*; .0909, *Compliance Schedules for Sources in Ozone Nonattainment and Maintenance Areas*; .0912, *General Provisions on Test Methods and Procedures*; .0918, *Can Coating*; .0919, *Coil Coating*; .0922, *Metal Furniture Coatings*; .0923, *Surface Coating of Large Appliance Parts*; .0924, *Magnet Wire Coating*; .0925, *Petroleum Liquid Storage in Fixed Roof Tanks*; .0928, *Gasoline Service Stations Stage 1*; .0930, *Solvent Metal Cleaning*; .0931, *Cutback Asphalt*; .0933, *Petroleum Liquid Storage in External Floating Roof Tanks*; .0935, *Factory Surface Coating of Flat Wood Paneling*; .0937, *Manufacture of Pneumatic Rubber Tires*; .0943, *Synthetic Organic Chemical and Polymer Manufacturing*; .0944, *Manufacture of Polyethylene; Polypropylene and Polystyrene*; .0945, *Petroleum Dry Cleaning*; .0947, *Manufacture of Synthesized Pharmaceutical Products*; .0948, *VOC Emissions from Transfer Operations*; .0949, *Storage of Miscellaneous Volatile Organic Compounds*; .0951, *RACT For Sources of Volatile Organic Compounds*; .0955, *Thread Bonding Manufacturing*; .0956, *Glass Christmas Ornament Manufacturing*; .0957, *Commercial Bakeries*; .0961, *Offset Lithographic Printing and Letterpress Printing*; .0962, *Industrial Cleaning Solvents*; .0963, *Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing Materials*; .0964, *Miscellaneous Industrial Adhesives*; .0965, *Flexible Package Printing*; .0966, *Paper, Film and Foil Coatings*; .0967, *Miscellaneous Metal and Plastic Parts Coatings*; and .0968, *Automobile and Light Duty Truck Assembly Coatings*.³

Through a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), published on June 13, 2023, EPA proposed to approve North Carolina's April 13, 2021, submission. The proposed changes included various ministerial and minor changes to language and other clarifying changes throughout North Carolina's

³ Hereinafter, the North Carolina Rules will be identified by "Rule" and the accompanying number, *e.g.*, Rule .0901.