

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R06-OAR-2013-0167; FRL-9962-21-Region 6]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Volatile Organic Compounds Rule Revision and Stage II Vapor Recovery

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing a direct final rule published on March 23, 2017 because relevant adverse comments were received. The rule pertained to EPA approval of Louisiana State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions controlling emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and changing the Stage II gasoline vapor recovery rule. In a separate subsequent final rulemaking EPA will address the comments received.

DATES: The direct final rule published on March 23, 2017 (82 FR 14822), is withdrawn effective May 22, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy Jacques, (214) 665-7395.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document “we,” “us,” and “our” means the EPA. On March 23, 2017, we published a direct final rule approving Louisiana SIP revisions controlling emissions of VOCs and changing the Stage II gasoline vapor recovery rule (82 FR 14822). The direct final rule was published without prior proposal because we anticipated no adverse comments. We stated in the direct final rule that if we received relevant adverse comments by April 24, 2017, we would publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. We received relevant adverse comments and accordingly are withdrawing the direct final rule. In a separate subsequent final rulemaking we will address the comments received.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

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

Dated: May 17, 2017.

Samuel Coleman,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

■ Accordingly, the amendments to 40 CFR 52.970 published in the **Federal**

Register on March 23, 2017 (82 FR 14822), which were to become effective on May 22, 2017, are withdrawn.

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40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R06-OAR-2016-0550; FRL-9962-20-Region 6]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; El Paso Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing a direct final rule published on March 21, 2017 because a relevant adverse comment was received. The rule pertained to EPA approval of the required second carbon monoxide (CO) maintenance plan for the El Paso, Texas CO maintenance area as a revision to the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP). In a separate subsequent final rulemaking EPA will address the comment received.

DATES: The direct final rule published on March 21, 2017 (82 FR 14442), is withdrawn effective May 22, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Riley, 214-665-8542, riley.jeffrey@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document “we,” “us,” and “our” means the EPA. On March 21, 2017 we published a direct final rule approving the required second CO maintenance plan for the El Paso, Texas CO maintenance area as a revision to the Texas SIP (82 FR 14442). The direct final rule was published without prior proposal because we anticipated no adverse comments. We stated in the direct final rule that if we received relevant adverse comments by April 20, 2017, we would publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. We received a relevant adverse comment and accordingly are withdrawing the direct final rule. In a separate subsequent final rulemaking we will address the comment received.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

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

Dated: May 17, 2017.

Samuel Coleman,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

■ Accordingly, the amendments to 40 CFR 52.2270(e) published in the **Federal Register** on March 21, 2017 (82 FR 14442), which were to become effective on May 22, 2017, are withdrawn.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 171

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0183; FRL-9962-94]

Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule; Delay of Effective Date

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: On January 4, 2017, EPA published a final rule revising the regulation concerning the certification of applicators of restricted use pesticides (RUPs). The original effective date of March 6, 2017 was extended to March 21, 2017 by rule issued January 26, 2017, and subsequently extended to May 22, 2017 by rule issued March 20, 2017. In accordance with the Presidential directives as expressed in the memorandum of January 20, 2017, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review,” and the principles identified in the April 25, 2017 Executive Order “Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America,” EPA solicited public comments on May 15, 2017 about a possible further delay of the effective date of the January 4, 2017 revisions to the Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule until May 22, 2018. With this action, EPA is making an interim extension of the effective date until June 5, 2017 in order to consider and respond to public comments received in regard to the proposed May 22, 2018 extension.

DATES: The effective date of the final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** of January 4, 2017 (82 FR 952), is delayed from May 22, 2017, to June 5, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0183, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket)