

forwarding the adopted version to CARB for approval and submittal to the EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

The five California air districts have implemented their PAMS networks as required in 40 CFR part 58. Each relevant air district also includes a provision to meet quality assurance requirements as contained in 40 CFR part 58, appendix A and a provision to assure that the PAMS monitors will meet monitoring methodology requirements contained in 40 CFR part 58, appendix C. Lastly, the air districts provided assurance that the PAMS network within their respective jurisdictions will be phased in over a period of not more than five years as required in 40 CFR 58.44.

As such, we conclude that the PAMS SIP revision submitted by CARB on November 10, 1993, meets the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements, and we propose to approve it as part of the California SIP.

### III. Proposed Action and Request for Public Comment

Under CAA section 110(k)(3) and for the reasons discussed above, the EPA proposes to approve the California PAMS SIP revision submitted on November 10, 1993, for six ozone nonattainment areas in California. We will accept comments from the public on the proposed approval for the next 30 days.

### IV. 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 approves a state plan 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);
- 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 Clean Air Act; and
- Does not provide the 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, 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 proposed action 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, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

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

Dated: July 14, 2017.

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*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 192

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### Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a reopening of the public comment period for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) requesting public comment and information on revisions to the EPA's "Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings."

**DATES:** The comment period for the NPRM, published January 19, 2017 (82 FR 4408), is reopened. Written comments must be received on or before October 16, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2012-0788, at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. 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, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EPA published the NPRM on January 19,

2017, in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 7400), which included a request for comments on or before July 18, 2017. The purpose of this document is to reopen that comment period.

**A. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for the EPA?**

1. *Tips for Preparing Your Comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

- Identify the rulemaking by docket number, subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number.
- Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

- If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow it to be reproduced.

- Illustrate your concerns with specific examples and suggest alternatives.

- Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

- Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

**B. How can I get copies of this document, the proposed rule and other related information?**

The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2012–0788. The EPA has also

developed a Web site for the NPRM at: <https://www.epa.gov/radiation/40-cfr-part-192-proposed-rulemaking-and-background-documents>. Please refer to the original **Federal Register** NPRM for detailed information on accessing information related to the document.

In response to requests for an extension, we are reopening the public comment period for this NPRM through October 16, 2017. This action will provide the public additional time to provide comment on updating this standard.

Dated: July 26, 2017.

**Jonathan D. Edwards,**

*Director, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air.*

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