

in the docket EERE-2017-BT-STD-0022-0010.

Through this notification, DOE will reopen the comment period and accept submissions of comments, data, information until June 7, 2022. Accordingly, DOE will now accept written comments and information on the notification of a preliminary analysis regarding energy conservation standards for ACIMs submitted on and before June 7, 2022.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 23, 2022, by Kelly J. Speakes-Backman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 23, 2022.

Treena V. Garrett,
Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S.
Department of Energy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR 52

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Release of the Policy Assessment for the Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability; policy assessment.

SUMMARY: On or about May 23, 2022, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will make available the document, *Policy Assessment for the Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter* (PA). This document was prepared as a part of the current

reconsideration of the 2020 final decision on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Particulate Matter (PM). The PA serves to “bridge the gap” between the currently available scientific and technical information and the judgments required of the Administrator in determining whether to retain or revise the existing PM NAAQS.

DATES: This document will be available on or about May 23, 2022.

ADDRESSES: This document will be available on the EPA’s website at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-air-quality-standards>. The document will be accessible under “Policy Assessments” from the current review.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Two sections of the Clean Air Act (CAA or the Act) govern the establishment and revision of the NAAQS. Section 108 directs the Administrator to identify and list certain air pollutants and then issue “air quality criteria” for those pollutants. The air quality criteria are to “accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of such pollutant in the ambient air . . .” (CAA section 108(a)(2)). Under section 109 of the Act, the EPA is then to establish primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) NAAQS for each pollutant for which the EPA has issued air quality criteria. Section 109(d)(1) of the Act requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria. Revised air quality criteria are to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health and welfare. Under the same provision, the EPA is also to periodically review and, if appropriate, revise the NAAQS, based on the revised air quality criteria.

The Act additionally requires appointment of an independent scientific review committee that is to periodically review the existing air quality criteria and NAAQS and to recommend any new standards and revisions of existing criteria and standards as may be appropriate (CAA section 109(d)(2)(A)–(B)). Since the early 1980s, the requirement for an independent scientific review

committee has been fulfilled by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). In December 2020, the EPA announced its final decision to retain the primary and secondary PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ standards, without revision (85 FR 82684, December 18, 2020).¹ On June 10, 2021, the Agency announced its decision to reconsider the 2020 p.m. NAAQS final action.² In its announcement of the reconsideration of the PM NAAQS, the Agency explained that, in support of the reconsideration, it would develop a supplement to the 2019 Integrated Science Assessment (ISA Supplement)³ and an updated PA. A draft of the ISA Supplement was released in September 2021 (86 FR 54186, September 30, 2021) and a draft of the PA was released in October 2021 (86 FR 56263, October 8, 2021). The draft ISA Supplement and the draft PA were reviewed by the seven-member chartered CASAC, with support from the PM CASAC Panel.^{4,5} The final PA reflects consideration of the advice and comments from the CASAC, as well as public comments, on the draft PA. The PA serves to “bridge the gap” between the scientific and technical information in the 2019 ISA and ISA Supplement and any air quality, exposure and risk analyses available in the reconsideration, and the judgments required of the Administrator in determining whether to retain or revise the existing PM NAAQS. The PA builds upon the information presented in the 2019 ISA, the ISA Supplement, and the 2020 PA. The PA document will be available on or about May 23, 2022, on the EPA’s website at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-air-quality-standards>.

The document briefly described above does not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

¹ The welfare effects considered in this reconsideration include visibility impairment, climate effects, and materials effects (*i.e.*, damage and soiling). Ecological effects of PM, such as those related to deposition of nitrogen- and sulfur-containing compounds in vulnerable ecosystems, are being considered in the separate, on-going review of the secondary NAAQS for oxides of nitrogen and oxides of sulfur.

² The press release for this announcement is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-reexamine-health-standards-harmful-soot-previous-administration-left-unchanged>

³ The 2019 ISA and the ISA Supplement are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-standards-integrated-science-assessments-current-review>

⁴ For more information, see: https://casac.epa.gov/ords/sab/f?p=105:18:667108909508::RP,18:P18_ID:2606

⁵ For more information, see: https://casac.epa.gov/ords/sab/f?p=105:18:13023836743815::RP,18:P18_ID:2607#meeting.

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40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R07-OAR-2022-0422; FRL-9838-01-R7]

Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Construction Permit Exemptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve revisions to the Missouri State Implementation Plan (SIP) received on June 10, 2021. The submission revises Missouri's regulation on construction permit exemptions. These revisions include updates to incorporations by reference, remove unnecessary words, and make minor clarifications and grammatical changes. These revisions do not impact the stringency of the SIP or have an adverse effect on air quality. The EPA's proposed approval of this rule revision is being done in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 27, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R07-OAR-2022-0422 to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this rulemaking. Comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the "Written Comments" heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

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

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I. Written Comments

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R07-OAR-2022-0422, at <https://www.regulations.gov>. 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>.

II. What is being addressed in this document?

The EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Missouri SIP received on June 10, 2021. The revisions are to Title 10, Division 10 of the Code of State Regulations (CSR), 10 CSR 10-6.061 "Construction Permit Exemptions". The purpose of the state regulation is to list specific construction or modification projects that are exempt from the requirement to obtain permits to construct under 10 CSR 10-6.060. Missouri made several revisions to the rule. These proposed revisions to the rule update incorporations by references, remove unnecessary words, and make minor clarifications and grammatical changes. EPA proposes to find that these revisions meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act, do not impact the stringency of the SIP, and do not adversely impact air quality. The full text of the rule revisions as well as EPA's analysis of the revisions are contained in the technical support document (TSD) included in the docket for this action.

III. 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 January 2, 2020, to April 2, 2020, and held a public hearing on March 26, 2020. Missouri received six comments from three sources during the comment period on 10 CSR 10-6.061. The EPA provided four comments. Missouri responded to all comments and revised the rule based on public comment prior to submitting to EPA, as noted in the State submission included in the docket for this action.

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

IV. What action is the EPA taking?

The EPA is proposing to amend the Missouri SIP by approving the State's request to revise 10 CSR 10-6.061 "Construction Permit Exemptions." We are processing this as a proposed action because we are soliciting comments on this proposed action. Final rulemaking will occur after consideration of any comments.

V. Incorporation by Reference

In this document, the EPA is proposing to include regulatory text in an EPA final rule that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, the EPA is proposing to incorporate by reference the Missouri rule 10 CSR 10-6.061 as described in Section II of this preamble and set forth below in the proposed amendments to 40 CFR part 52. 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).

VI. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), 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