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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 431

[EERE-2022-BT-STD-0014]

RIN 1904-AF39

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Small Electric Motors; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 20, 2022, the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) published a request for information (“RFI”) regarding energy conservation standards for small electric motors. The RFI provided an opportunity for submitting written comments, data, and information by May 20, 2022. DOE received requests from the European Committee of Manufacturers of Electrical Machines and Power Electronics on April 29, 2022, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association on May 3, 2022, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers also on May 3, 2022, and the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute on May 4, 2022, each asking DOE to extend the public comment period for an additional 30 days. DOE has reviewed these requests and is granting an extension of the public comment period to allow comments to be submitted until June 20, 2022.

DATES: The comment period for the RFI published on April 20, 2022 (87 FR 23471), is extended. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the RFI received no later than June 20, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, interested persons may

submit comments, identified by docket number EERE-2022-BT-STD-0014 by any of the following methods:

(1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Email:* SmallElecMotors2022STD0014@ee.doe.gov. Include the docket number EERE-2022-BT-STD-0014 or regulatory information number (“RIN”) 1904-AF39 in the subject line of the message.

No telefacsimiles (“faxes”) will be accepted.

Although DOE has routinely accepted public comment submissions through a variety of mechanisms, including postal mail and hand delivery/courier, the Department has found it necessary to make temporary modifications to the comment submission process in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. DOE is currently suspending receipt of public comments via postal mail and hand delivery/courier. If a commenter finds that this change poses an undue hardship, please contact Appliance Standards Program staff at (202) 586-1445 to discuss the need for alternative arrangements. Once the COVID-19 pandemic health emergency is resolved, DOE anticipates resuming all of its regular options for public comment submission, including postal mail and hand delivery/courier.

Docket: The docket for this activity, which includes **Federal Register** notices, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at www.regulations.gov. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. However, some documents listed in the index, such as those containing information that is exempt from public disclosure, may not be publicly available.

The docket web page can be found at www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2022-BT-STD-0014. The docket web page contains instructions on how to access all documents, including public comments, in the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeremy Domm, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office, EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-9870. Email:

ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov.

Mr. Michael Kido, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-33, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-8145. Email: Michael.Kido@hq.doe.gov.

For further information on how to submit a comment or review other public comments and the docket contact the Appliance and Equipment Standards Program staff at (202) 287-1445 or by email:

ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 20, 2022, DOE published an RFI undertaking a review to determine whether to amend the current energy conservation standards for small electric motors. Specifically, the request for information (“RFI”) sought data and information to help DOE evaluate whether amended energy conservation standards would result in significant savings of energy; be technologically feasible; and be economically justified. 87 FR 23471. The RFI set a comment period deadline of May 20, 2022.

Interested parties in the matter, the European Committee of Manufacturers of Electrical Machines and Power Electronics (“CEMEP”) requested a 30-day extension of the public comment period to review and comment on the RFI given the global impact of a highly interconnected motor industry (CEMEP, EERE-2022-BT-STD-0014, No. 2 at p. 1). The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (“NEMA”) also requested a 30-day extension of the public comment period because NEMA staff and members of the Motor and Generator product section are wholly-occupied with developing responses to, and follow-on items for, the preliminary Technical Support Document for Electric Motor energy conservation standards (NEMA, EERE-2022-BT-STD-0003, No. 3 at p. 1). Additionally, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (“AHAM”) requested a 30-day extension because of the overlap with several other rulemakings that AHAM has been involved in reviewing and commenting on (AHAM, EERE-2022-BT-STD-0014, No. 4 at p. 1). Finally, the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (“AHRI”) requested a 30-day extension of the comment period due to conflicts with

several other rulemakings affecting AHRI members (AHRI, EERE–2022–BT–STD–0014, No. 5 at p. 1).

DOE has reviewed the requests and is extending the comment period to allow additional time for interested parties to submit comments. In light of the submitted requests, DOE believes that additional time is warranted, and is extending the comment period for 30 additional days, as requested. Therefore, comments on this RFI will be accepted until June 20, 2022.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 5, 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 6, 2022.

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Department of Energy.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R10–OAR–2021–0393; FRL–9756–01–R10]

Air Plan Approval; OR; Vehicle Inspection Program and Medford-Ashland PM₁₀ Maintenance Plan Technical Correction

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve revisions to the Oregon state implementation plan (SIP) submitted by the State of Oregon (Oregon) on December 9, 2020 and December 22, 2021. The revisions update the SIP-approved vehicle inspection program for the Portland and Medford areas. The EPA is proposing to approve the SIP submittal as consistent with Clean Air Act (Act or CAA) requirements. Additionally, EPA is proposing to make a technical correction to the Medford-Ashland particulate matter (PM₁₀) maintenance plan that incorrectly identified a street-sweeping commitment as a transportation control measure (TCM).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 10, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R10–OAR–2021–0393, at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from <https://www.regulations.gov>. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not electronically submit any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information the disclosure of which 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. 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:

Throughout this document whenever “we,” “us,” or “our” is used, it is intended to refer to EPA.

I. Background for This Action

Section 110 of the CAA requires states to develop and submit to the EPA SIPs to ensure that state air quality meets National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Each federally approved SIP protects air quality primarily by addressing air pollution at its point of origin through air pollution regulations and control strategies. The EPA-approved SIP provisions and control strategies are federally enforceable. States revise the SIP as needed and submit revisions to the EPA for review and approval.

II. The State’s Submittal

On December 9, 2020 and December 22, 2021, Oregon submitted a SIP revision for the vehicle inspection program (VIP) in the Portland and Medford areas. Table 1 of this document lists the rule revisions included in the scope of the state’s submissions. The SIP revision updates the rules to improve clarity, add requirements for the onboard diagnostics system, and remove references to the enhanced dynamometer test that is no longer required as of January 1, 2007.¹

TABLE 1—RULE REVISIONS INCLUDED IN OREGON’S VIP SIP SUBMISSION

[Effective November 19, 2020]

Rule No. OAR 340–	Rule title
256–0010	Definitions.
256–0130	Visible Emissions: Motor Vehicle Fleet Operation.
256–0200	Certification of Pollution Control Systems: County Designations.
256–0300	Emission Control System Inspection: Scope.
256–0310	Emission Control System Inspection: Government-Owned Vehicle, Permanent Fleet Vehicle and United States Government Vehicle Testing Requirements.

¹ EPA approved phasing out the enhanced test on December 19, 2011. (See 76 FR 78571).