

Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)

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500 Additional Mailing Services

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505 Return Services

1.0 Business Reply Mail (BRM)

1.1 BRM Postage and Fees

1.1.1 Basic BRM

[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text in 1.1.1 to read as follows:]

For basic BRM, a permit holder is required to pay an annual permit fee as provided under 1.2 and a per piece fee under 1.1.7 in addition to the applicable Retail First-Class Mail (stamped letters), First-Class Package Service—Retail, or Priority Mail postage for each returned piece.***

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1.1.3 Basic Qualified BRM (QBRM)

[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text in 1.1.3 to read as follows:]

For basic qualified BRM, a permit holder is required to pay an account maintenance fee under 1.1.8, and a per piece fee under 1.1.7 in addition to the applicable retail letter or card First-Class Mail (stamped letters) postage for each returned piece.***

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507 Mailer Services

1.0 Treatment of Mail

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1.5 Treatment for Ancillary Services by Class of Mail

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1.5.2 Periodicals

Undeliverable-as-addressed (UAA) Periodicals publications (including publications pending Periodicals authorization) are treated as described

in Exhibit 1.5.2, with these additional conditions:

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[Revise the text in items 1.5.2b and 1.5.2c to read as follows:]

b. Publications with an alternative addressing format under 602.3.0 are delivered to the address when possible. Forwarding service is not provided for such mail.

c. Address correction service is mandatory for all Periodicals publications, except when publishers use authorized alternative addressing and an IMb with proper STID. An address correction service fee must be paid for each notice issued.

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1.5.3 USPS Marketing Mail and Parcel Select Lightweight

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Exhibit 1.5.3 Treatment of Undeliverable USPS Marketing Mail and Parcel Select Lightweight

Mailer Endorsement	USPS Treatment of UAA pieces

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“Change Service Requested” 1, 4

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[Revise the parenthetical for “Option 2” to read as follows:]

(Available via ACS only; for USPS Marketing Mail (all shapes) and Parcel Select Lightweight)

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If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the text under “If change-of-address order on file:” for “Months 1 through 12” to read as follows:]

Months 1 through 12: Piece forwarded; postage due charged to the mailer at applicable Forwarding Fee based on the piece shape for USPS Marketing Mail or Parcel Select Lightweight; separate notice of new address provided (electronic ACS fee charged).

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600 Basic Standards For All Mailing Services

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602 Addressing

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3.0 Use of Alternative Addressing

3.1 General Information

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3.1.3 Treatment

[Revise the third sentence of the introductory text in 3.1.3 to read as follows:]

Periodicals publishers are notified when a mailpiece with an occupant or exceptional address format is undeliverable for solely address-related reasons, (except publishers using an IMb with proper STID on non-subscriber or non-requester copies under 207.7.0.

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604 Postage Payment Methods and Refunds

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5.0 Permit Imprint (Indicia)

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5.4 Picture Permit Imprint Indicia

5.4.1 Description

[Revise the third sentence of 5.4.1 to read as follows:]

***Picture permit imprints may be used to pay postage and extra service fees on commercial mailings of First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail postcards, letters, or flats.

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5.4.5 Picture Permit Imprint Indicia Format

As options to the basic format under 5.3.11 and if all other applicable

standards in 5.0 are met, permit imprint indicia may be prepared in picture permit imprint format subject to these conditions:

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[Delete 5.4.5f in its entirety and renumber current 5.4.5g through 5.4.5k as new 5.4.5f through 5.4.5j.]

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Notice 123 (Price List)

[Revise prices as applicable.]

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We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 to reflect these changes.

Brittany M. Johnson,

Attorney, Federal Compliance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R04–OAR–2018–0308; FRL–9987–98–Region 4]

Air Plan Approval; KY; Updates to Attainment Status Designations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to approve portions of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, through the Kentucky Division for Air Quality, on December 13, 2016. The changes to the SIP that EPA is taking final action to approve are the attainment status designations, as of October 6, 2016, for geographic areas within the Commonwealth for several national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The updates are being made to conform Kentucky's attainment status tables with the federal attainment status designations made for these areas. EPA has determined that the December 13, 2016, SIP revision is consistent with the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) and EPA's regulations.

DATES: This rule will be effective January 18, 2019.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA-R04-OAR-2018-0308. 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.*, 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, Pesticides and Toxics Management 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: Madolyn Sanchez, Air Regulatory Management Section, Air Planning and Implementation Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Ms. Sanchez can be reached via telephone at (404) 562-9644 or via electronic mail at sanchez.madolyn@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Sections 108 and 109 of the CAA require EPA to set NAAQS for criteria air pollutants: Ozone (O₃); particulate matter (PM); carbon monoxide (CO); lead (Pb); sulfur dioxide (SO₂); and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂); and to undertake periodic review of these standards. After EPA sets a new NAAQS or revises an existing standard, the CAA requires EPA to determine if areas of the country meet the new standards and to designate areas as either nonattainment, unclassifiable/attainment, or unclassifiable. Such designations inform the state's planning and implementation of requirements to achieve and maintain the NAAQS for each area within that state.

Section 107(d) of the CAA governs the process for these initial area designations. Under this process, states and tribes submit recommendations to EPA as to whether or not an area is attaining the NAAQS for criteria air pollutants. EPA then considers these recommendations as part of its obligation to promulgate the area designations and boundaries for the new or revised NAAQS. EPA codifies its designations for areas within each state in 40 CFR part 81.¹ Under section 107(d) of the CAA, a designation for an area remains in effect until redesignated by EPA.

In a proposed rulemaking published on September 21, 2018 (83 FR 47856), EPA proposed to approve changes to Kentucky regulation 401 KAR 51:010, which update, as of October 6, 2016, the description and attainment or nonattainment status of geographic areas within the Commonwealth with regard to a number of the NAAQS. The Commonwealth of Kentucky last amended Regulation 401 KAR 51:010 in 1997 and, since that time, EPA has promulgated several changes to the designations of areas within the Commonwealth. As a result, Kentucky has amended Regulation 401 KAR 51:010 by updating, as of October 6, 2016, the attainment status designations in Sections 4 through 8 and Section 10 for CO, Pb, NO₂, O₃, PM_{2.5}, and total suspended solids² to conform with EPA's designations as reflected in 40 CFR 81.318. Regulation 401 KAR 51:010 has also been amended by making minor textual modifications to the NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY section and Section 1 (Definitions) and Section 2 (Attainment

Status Designations). The details of Kentucky's submission and the rationale for EPA's action are explained in the proposed rulemaking. Comments on the proposed rulemaking were due on or before October 22, 2018. EPA did not receive any relevant comments on the proposed action. EPA is now taking final action to approve the above-referenced revisions.

II. Incorporation by Reference

In this rule, EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, EPA is finalizing the incorporation by reference of Kentucky regulation 401 KAR 51:010, *Attainment Status Designations*, effective October 6, 2016, which was revised to be consistent with the current NAAQS.³ EPA has made, and will continue to make, these materials generally available through www.regulations.gov and at the EPA Region 4 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 EPA for inclusion in the SIP, 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 EPA's approval, and will be incorporated by reference in the next update to the SIP compilation.⁴

III. Final Action

EPA is taking final action to approve portions of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's SIP revision submitted on December 13, 2016, because the changes are consistent with the CAA and EPA regulations. The submission revises Kentucky's attainment status designations tables for several NAAQS to conform with the federal attainment status designations made for geographic areas within the Commonwealth.

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the Act and applicable Federal regulations. *See* 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 CAA. This action merely approves state law as meeting Federal

¹ EPA's attainment status designations for Kentucky are found at 40 CFR 81.318.

² EPA is not taking final action on the portion of the submittal (Section 9) that modifies the attainment status designations for SO₂.

³ With the exception of Section 9. Attainment Status Designations for Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂).

⁴ *See* 62 FR 27968 (May 22, 1997).

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 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011);
- Is not an Executive Order 13771 (82 FR 9339, February 2, 2017) regulatory action because SIP approvals are exempted under Executive Order 12866;
- 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 CAA; and

- Does not provide 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).

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 as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), nor will it impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law.

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this action and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the CAA, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate

circuit by February 19, 2019. 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, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: November 28, 2018.

Mary S. Walker,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

40 CFR part 52 is amended as follows:

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.*
- Subpart S—Kentucky
- 2. In § 52.920, table 1 in paragraph (c) is amended by revising the entry “401 KAR 51:010” to read as follows:

§ 52.920 Identification of plan.
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TABLE 1—EPA-APPROVED KENTUCKY REGULATIONS

State citation	Title/subject	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanation
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Chapter 51 Attainment and Maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards				
401 KAR 51:010	Attainment status Designations.	10/06/16	12/19/18, [insert Federal Register citation].	With the exception of Section 9. Attainment Status Designations for Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂).
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52****[EPA–R04–OAR–2018–0419; FRL–9988–11–Region 4]****Air Plan Approval; North Carolina Miscellaneous Revisions****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to approve portions of State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions provided by the State of North Carolina through the North Carolina Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ) in letters dated June 5, 2017, and August 22, 2017. The submissions revise several regulations concerning nitrogen oxides (NO_x), emission control standards, monitoring, and reporting requirements. EPA is taking final action to approve these provisions of the SIP revisions because these changes are consistent with the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) and federal regulations.

DATES: This rule will be effective January 18, 2019.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA–R04–OAR–2018–0419. 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.*, 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, Pesticides and Toxics Management 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

NCDAQ submitted SIP revisions through letters dated June 5, 2017, and August 22, 2017 to EPA for review and approval into the North Carolina SIP.¹ North Carolina's SIP revisions include multiple changes to its air quality rules, under Subchapter 15A North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) 02D, specifically at Section .1404, "Recordkeeping: Reporting: Monitoring," Section .0542, "Control of Particulate Emissions from Cotton Ginning Operations," Section .0606, "Sources Covered by Appendix P of 40 CFR part 51," and Section .0608, "Other Large Coal or Residual Oil Burners."² EPA is not taking action on Section .0535, "Excess Emissions Reporting and Malfunctions" which is included in the changes in the August 22, 2017 SIP revision. EPA will address changes to Section .0535 in a separate action.

In a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published on November 14, 2018 (83 FR 56773), EPA proposed to approve the SIP submissions transmitted under cover letters dated June 5, 2017, and August 22, 2017. The specific details of the SIP submissions and the rationale for EPA's actions are discussed in the NPRM. Comments on the proposed rulemaking were due on or before December 5, 2018. EPA received five comments in total—one comment that is not relevant to the action, two comments that support the revision and two adverse comments. The comments can be found in the docket for this action. After considering the adverse comments, EPA is now taking final action to approve the above-referenced revision.

II. Response to Comments

Comments: As mentioned above, EPA received two adverse public comments on the proposed rule published on November 14, 2018. The comments are

¹ The SIP revisions were received by EPA on June 6, 2017, and September 6, 2017, respectively.

² In the table of North Carolina regulations federally approved into the SIP at 40 CFR 52.1770(c), 15A NCAC 02D is referred to as "Subchapter 2D Air Pollution Control Requirements."

available for public viewing as a part of the electronic docket for this rulemaking. The first Commenter notes that if the revisions are in line with the CAA and federal regulations, they should be approved; however, "if they are considered worse, such as they are raising the emission rates for certain vendors, this should be addressed and maybe suggest a stricter standard if it is feasible." The second Commenter asserts that "[i]n the past year, the Clean Air Act has been revised to be less harsh for energy plants. With a more relaxed Clean Air Act, the United States air quality and overall environmental health can take a toll. In the past 50 years ago, toxic pollutants like sulfur dioxide and smog have been reduced. With this proposed rule, this could completely reverse the progress the act has made thus far. These proposed changes should consider the long-term effects on the environment."

Response: It is unclear how either of the comments relate to the proposed rule or how the commenters would like EPA to change the proposed rule. The rule changes being approved do not involve any changes (including increases) to emission rates, nor do they implicate any long-term effects on the environment. Rather, as discussed in the notice of proposed rulemaking, the changes to the NO_x recordkeeping, reporting, and monitoring rule involve minor typographical and clarifying changes that do not relax the rule, and the addition of sources subject to continuous emissions monitoring for NO_x strengthens the SIP. Changes to the other rules are either minor or clarifying and do not alter the meaning of the rules or they are consistent with the requirements of the CAA and federal regulations.

III. Incorporation by Reference

In this rule, EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, EPA is taking final action to incorporate by reference North Carolina regulations under Subchapter 2D Air Pollution Control Requirements, Section .1404, "Recordkeeping: Reporting: Monitoring," effective January 1, 2009,³ which clarifies the rule by updating quality assurance, recordkeeping and reporting requirements and provisions for heat input calculations and removes references to repealed rules. EPA is also taking final action to incorporate by

³ January 1, 2009 is the most recent state effective date of Subchapter 2D, Section .1404, "Recordkeeping: Reporting: Monitoring," and it reflects the exact version of the text of Section .1404 that EPA is proposing to approve into the SIP.