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*Collection of Information: Using Data for Continuous Improvement*

Eligible entities under this program are title III or V institutions; nonprofits in partnership with title III or V institutions; States in partnership with title III or V institutions; or systems of public institutions of higher education. The collection of information would include eligible applicants responding to this final selection criterion: *Using Data for Continuous Improvement*, which we changed from a priority to a selection criterion based on public comment in response to the NPP. The Department will utilize the selection criteria in selecting eligible applicants for funding. Eligible applicants must respond to the selection criteria within the application package for this program. We estimate the annual burden for the information collection to average 8,400 hours, from 210 eligible applicants at 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Thus, we estimate the total burden for this collection to be 8,400 hours. At \$47.20 per hour, the total annualized estimated cost for 210 eligible applicants to respond to final selection criteria is approximately \$396,480.

Consistent with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the Department is soliciting comments on the information collection through this document. Between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**, OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collections of information contained in this requirement. Therefore, to ensure that OMB gives your comments full consideration, it is important that OMB receives your comments on the Postsecondary Student Success Grant (PSSG) Program Application Information Collection Request by September 16, 2024. Comments related to the information collection activities must be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by selecting the Docket ID number ED-2024-OPE-0069 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery by referencing the

Docket ID number and the title of the information collection request at the top of your comment. Comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the PRA Coordinator of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 4C210, Washington, DC 20202-1200.

We consider your comments on this proposed collection of information in—

- Deciding whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions, including whether the information will have practical use;

- Evaluating the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of our methodology and assumptions;
- Enhancing the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information we collect; and
- Minimizing the burden on those who must respond. This includes exploring the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 52**

[EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0371; FRL-11173-02-R9]

**Air Plan Approval; California; Ventura County Air Pollution Control District**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to approve revisions to the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions concern definitions applicable to local rules that control emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from: the transfer and storage of reactive organic compound liquids and petroleum material; and processing, production, gathering, and separation of crude oil and natural gas. We are approving a local rule to regulate these emission sources under the Clean Air Act (CAA or “the Act”).

**DATES:** This rule is effective September 16, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0371. All documents in the docket are listed on the <https://www.regulations.gov> website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business Information (CBI) 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 through <https://www.regulations.gov>, or please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for additional availability information. If you need assistance in a language other than English or if you are a person with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation at no cost to you, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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

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**I. Proposed Action**

On December 12, 2023 (88 FR 86093), the EPA proposed to approve the following rule into the California SIP.

Local agency	Rule #	Rule title	Revised	Submitted
VCAPCD .....	71	Crude Oil and Reactive Organic Compound Liquids .....	5/11/2021	10/15/2021

We proposed to approve this rule because we determined that it complies with the relevant CAA requirements. Our proposed action contains more information on the rule and our evaluation of it.

**II. Public Comments and EPA Responses**

The EPA’s proposed action provided a 30-day public comment period. During this period, we received one comment. The comment discussed the importance of regulating emissions related to the oil and gas industry because of the consequences to humans and the environment. We acknowledge the comment, noting that VCAPCD Rule 71 is exclusively composed of definitions applicable to the VCAPCD rules that regulate emissions from (1) the transfer and storage of reactive organic compound liquids and petroleum material; and (2) processing, production, gathering, and separation of crude oil and natural gas the transfer and storage of reactive organic compound liquids and petroleum material. VCAPCD’s clarifying revisions to Rule 71 will improve the enforceability of the control measures in the District’s other rules that regulate the oil and gas industry and satisfy the relevant CAA requirements. Therefore, we are approving the rule into the SIP.

**III. EPA Action**

No comments were submitted that change our assessment of the rule as described in our proposed action. Therefore, as authorized in section 110(k)(3) of the Act, the EPA is approving this rule into the California SIP.

The May 11, 2021 version of Rule 71 will replace the previously approved version of this rule in the SIP.

**IV. Incorporation by Reference**

In this rule, the EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, the EPA is finalizing the incorporation by reference of VCAPCD Rule 71, “Crude Oil and Reactive Organic Compound Liquids,” revised on May 11, 2021, which consists of definitions applicable to local rules that

control emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from (1) processing, production, gathering, and separation of crude oil and natural gas and (2) the transfer and storage of reactive organic compound liquids and petroleum material. The EPA has made, and will continue to make, these documents available through *www.regulations.gov* and at the EPA Region IX Office (please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this preamble for more information).

**V. 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. 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 CAA. Accordingly, this action merely approves state law as meeting Federal 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 14094 (88 FR 21879, April 11, 2023);
- 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 subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) because it approves a state program;

- Is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001); and

- 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.

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 rule 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).

Executive Order 12898 (Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, 59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994) directs Federal agencies to identify and address “disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects” of their actions on minority populations and low-income populations to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law. The EPA defines environmental justice (EJ) as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.” The EPA further defines the term fair treatment to mean that “no group of people should bear a disproportionate burden of environmental harms and risks, including those resulting from the negative environmental consequences of industrial, governmental, and commercial operations or programs and policies.”

The State did not evaluate EJ considerations as part of its SIP submittal; the CAA and applicable implementing regulations neither prohibit nor require such an evaluation. The EPA did not perform an EJ analysis and did not consider EJ in this action. Consideration of EJ is not required as part of this action, and there is no information in the record inconsistent

with the stated goal of Executive Order 12898 of achieving EJ for people of color, low-income populations, and Indigenous peoples.

This action is subject to the Congressional Review Act, and the EPA will submit a rule report to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by October 15, 2024. 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, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: August 2, 2024.

Martha Guzman Aceves, Regional Administrator, Region IX.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Environmental Protection Agency amends part 52, chapter I, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations 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 F—California

■ 2. Section 52.220 is amended by adding paragraphs (c)(215)(i)(B)(4) and (c)(601)(i)(B) to read as follows:

§ 52.220 Identification of plan—in part.

- (c) \* \* \*
(215) \* \* \*
(i) \* \* \*
(B) \* \* \*

(4) Previously approved on February 29, 1996, in paragraph (c)(215)(i)(B)(2) of this section and now deleted with replacement in (c)(601)(i)(B)(1) of this

section: Rule 71, adopted on December 13, 1994.

- (601) \* \* \*
(i) \* \* \*

(B) Ventura County Air Pollution Control District.

(1) Rule 71, "Crude Oil and Reactive Organic Compound Liquids," revised on May 11, 2021.

(2) [Reserved]

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R02-OAR-2020-0455; FRL-11807-02-R2]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving the regional haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of New York through the Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC or New York) on May 12, 2020, as satisfying applicable requirements under the Clean Air Act (CAA) and EPA's Regional Haze Rule (RHR) for the program's second implementation period. New York's SIP submission addresses the requirement that States must periodically revise their long-term strategies for making reasonable progress towards the national goal of preventing any future, and remedying any existing, anthropogenic impairment of visibility, including regional haze, in mandatory Class I Federal areas. The SIP submission also addresses other applicable requirements for the second implementation period of the regional haze program. The EPA is taking this action pursuant to the CAA.

DATES: This final rule is effective on September 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID Number EPA-R02-OAR-2020-0455. All documents in the docket are listed on the https://www.regulations.gov website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Controlled Unclassified

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I. Background

On May 12, 2020, the State of New York through the Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC or New York) submitted a revision to its SIP to address regional haze for the second implementation period. NYSDEC made this SIP submission to satisfy the requirements of the CAA's regional haze program pursuant to CAA sections 169A and 169B and 40 CFR 51.308.

On March 22, 2024, the EPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in which the EPA proposed to approve New York's May 12, 2020, SIP submission as satisfying the regional haze requirements for the second implementation period contained in the CAA and 40 CFR 51.308. 89 FR 20384. The EPA is now determining that the New York regional haze SIP submission for the second implementation period meets the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and is thus approving New York's submission into its SIP.

The specific details of New York's SIP submittals and the rationale for the EPA's approval action are explained in the EPA's proposed rulemaking and are not restated in this final action. For this detailed information, the reader is referred to the EPA's March 22, 2024, NPRM (89 FR 20384).

II. Evaluation of Comments

In response to the EPA's March 22, 2024, NPRM, the EPA received four distinct comments during the 30-day public comment period. One of the