



6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R04-OAR-2016-0504; FRL-9964-08-Region 4]

Air Plan Approval;

GA and SC: Changes to Ambient Air Standards and Definitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve portions of revisions to the Georgia State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, on August 30, 2010, and on July 25, 2014; and portions of revisions to the South Carolina SIP, submitted by the Department of Health and Environmental Control on December 15, 2014, August 12, 2015, and November 4, 2016. The Georgia SIP revisions incorporate definitions relating to fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), and amend state rules to reflect the 2008 national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for lead. The South Carolina SIP revisions incorporates the 2010 sulfur dioxide NAAQS, 2010 nitrogen dioxide NAAQS, 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS, 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS, removes the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS, and removes the standard for gaseous fluorides from the SIP. This action is being proposed because Georgia and South Carolina have demonstrated that these changes are consistent with the Clean Air Act.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before **[insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R04-OAR-2016-0504 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from Regulations.gov. 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. 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 <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: D. Brad Akers, 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. Mr. Akers can be reached via telephone at (404) 562-9089 or via electronic mail at akers.brad@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the SIP revisions for Georgia and South Carolina as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these as noncontroversial submittals and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this rule, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments

received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

Dated: June 13, 2017.

V. Anne Heard

Acting Regional Administrator,

Region 4.

[FR Doc. 2017-13546 Filed: 6/28/2017 8:45 am; Publication Date: 6/29/2017]