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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Air Quality Implementation Plans; Nebraska; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide and the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to adverse comments, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the direct final rule Approval of Nebraska Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide and the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards, published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2017. The direct final rule approved elements of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) submission from the State of Nebraska addressing the applicable requirements of Clean Air Act (CAA) section 110 for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) NAAQS. Section 110 of the CAA requires that each state adopt and submit a SIP to

support implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of each new or revised NAAQS promulgated by EPA. These SIPs are commonly referred to as "infrastructure" SIPs.

DATES: As of [insert date of publication in the **Federal Register**], the direct final rule published at 82 FR 43848, September 20, 2017, is withdrawn.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to adverse comments, EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule to approve three Infrastructure SIPs submitted by the State of Nebraska pertaining to the 2010 NO₂ and SO₂ NAAQS and the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS. In the direct final rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2017, (82 FR 43848), we stated that if we received adverse comment by October 20, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA received adverse comments. EPA will address those comments in a subsequent final action based upon the proposed action also published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2017 (82 FR 43926). EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control,
Intergovernmental relations, Incorporation by reference,
Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: November 8, 2017. Cathy Stepp,
 Acting Regional Administrator,
 Region 7.

PART 52 APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Accordingly, the direct final rule amending 40 CFR 52.1420
published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2017 (82 FR
43848), is withdrawn.

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