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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 52**

**[EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0517; FRL 9971-05-Region 7]**

**State of Iowa; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule; Elements of the  
Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 Annual Fine  
Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard  
(NAAQS)**

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

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Due to an adverse comment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the direct final rule for "Approval of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Elements of the Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)" published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 2017. Infrastructure SIPs address the applicable requirements of Clean Air Act (CAA) section 110, which requires that each state adopt and submit a SIP for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of each new or revised NAAQS promulgated by the EPA. These SIPs are commonly referred to as "infrastructure" SIPs. The

infrastructure requirements are designed to ensure that the structural components of each state's air quality management program are adequate to meet the state's responsibilities under the CAA.

**DATES:** The direct final rule published at 82 FR 45479, September 29, 2017, is withdrawn effective [insert date of publication in the **Federal Register**].

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to an adverse comment, EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule to approve revisions to the Iowa State Implementation Plan (SIP). In the direct final rule published on September 29, 2017, (82 FR 45479), we stated that if we received adverse comment by October 30, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA received an adverse comment. EPA will address the comment in a subsequent final action based upon the proposed action also published on September 29, 2017 (82 FR 45550). EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

**List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52**

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

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Accordingly, the direct final rule published at 82 FR 45479, September 29, 2017, is withdrawn effective [insert date of publication in the **Federal Register**].

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