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Approval and Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Infrastructure SIP for Interstate Transport Requirements for the Requirements for the 2006 PM₁₀, 2008 Lead, 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide, and the 2011 Carbon Monoxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving the portions of New Jersey's State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submittal regarding infrastructure requirements for interstate transport of pollution with respect to the 2006 particulate matter of 10 microns (μm) or less (PM₁₀), 2008 lead, 2010 nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and 2011 carbon monoxide (CO) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

DATES: This final rule is effective [insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID Number EPA-R02-OAR-2018-0681. All documents in the docket are listed on the <http://www.regulations.gov> web site. 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 electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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I. What is the background for this action?

Under sections 110(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), each state is required to submit a State Implementation Plan (SIP) that provides for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of a revised primary or secondary NAAQS or standard. CAA sections 110(a)(1) and (2) require each state to make a new SIP submission within three years after the EPA promulgates a new or revised NAAQS for approval into the existing federally approved SIP to assure that the SIP meets the applicable requirements for such new and revised NAAQS. This particular type of SIP submission is commonly referred to as an “infrastructure SIP.”

Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) of the CAA requires a state’s SIP to include adequate provisions prohibiting any emissions activity in one state that contributes significantly to nonattainment, or interferes with maintenance, of the NAAQS in any downwind state. The EPA sometimes refers to these requirements as prong 1 (significant contribution to nonattainment) and prong 2

(interference with maintenance), or jointly as the “good neighbor” provision of the CAA.

On December 13, 2019 (84 FR 68097), the EPA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) in the Federal Register for the State of New Jersey. The NPR proposed to approve elements of the State of New Jersey’s Infrastructure SIP submission, dated October 17, 2014, which were submitted to address CAA section 110(a) infrastructure requirements for the following NAAQS: 2006 PM₁₀, 2008 lead, 2010 NO₂, and 2011 CO. Specifically, the EPA proposed in the December 13, 2019 action to approve the portion of the submission addressing the good neighbor provision with respect to the 2006 PM₁₀, 2008 lead, 2010 NO₂, and 2011 CO NAAQS under CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I).

Other detailed information relevant to this action on New Jersey’s infrastructure SIP submission, including infrastructure requirements concerning the good neighbor provision, and the rationale for EPA’s proposed action are explained in the NPR and the associated Technical Support Document (TSD) in the docket and are not restated here.

II. What comments were received in response to the EPA’s proposed action?

The EPA received three comments from two commenters in response to the December 13, 2019 NPR. The EPA has evaluated the comments, as discussed below, and has determined that New Jersey’s SIP revision addressing the 2006 PM₁₀, 2008 lead, 2010 NO₂, and 2011 CO NAAQS is consistent with the CAA and, therefore, the EPA is approving New Jersey’s SIP revision. Following is a summary of the comments and the EPA’s response. The full text of the comments may also be viewed under Docket ID Number EPA–R02–OAR–2018–0681 on the <http://www.regulations.gov> website.

Comment: The commenter states that the EPA should consider mandating the use of renewable energy as NO₂, CO, CO₂, and other gases are byproducts of fossil fuel combustion, and New Jersey uses mostly natural gas to generate electricity. The commenter asserts that a federal mandate similar to California's for renewable energy would better serve the EPA's long-term goals for better air quality.

Response: This comment is outside the scope of our proposed action and is not relevant to the approval of New Jersey's interstate transport provisions for the 2006 PM₁₀, 2008 lead, 2010 NO₂, and 2011 CO NAAQS under CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I). The EPA's review of New Jersey's SIP revision under CAA section 110(k)(3) is limited to evaluating whether the submission meets the applicable requirements of CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I), as detailed further in the NPR and associated TSD. The EPA is not authorized to issue any sort of federal mandate regarding renewable energy in reviewing a state's SIP revision under these provisions.¹ As the commenter has not raised any issues regarding whether New Jersey's SIP revision meets the applicable requirements of section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I), the comment is outside the scope of the EPA's proposed action.

Comment: The commenter questioned how the EPA can rely on data for the PM₁₀ NAAQS which uses monitors with incomplete or no air monitoring data for PM₁₀ for almost 5 years. The

¹ Although EPA cannot impose renewable energy requirements in New Jersey in the context of reviewing a SIP revision under CAA section 110(k)(3), the EPA notes that the Governor of New Jersey approved, on May 23, 2018, a State Renewable Energy bill (A-3723), requiring 21 percent of the energy sold in the state to be from renewable energy sources by 2020; 35 percent by 2025, and 50 percent by 2030 (see https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562018/approved/20180523a_cleanEnergy.shtml). On January 27, 2020 New Jersey released its Energy Master Plan. https://nj.gov/emp/docs/pdf/2020_NJBPU_EMP.pdf; <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200127a.shtml>.

commenter further stated that the data in Table 3 in the TSD is at best inconclusive, and the EPA should use only monitors that have complete quality assured data to show whether monitors are violating the NAAQS. The commenter indicates that the monitors with the incomplete data are closest to the state borders, Camden, New Jersey (NJ) - 1 kilometer (km); New York, New York (NY) - 3 km; Bronx, NY - 6 km; and Queens, NY - 17 km. The commenter also states that with four out of the seven monitors closest to the New Jersey border showing incomplete data over the past five years (and a fifth monitor considering 2013-2015 data), the EPA must gather more data or show that this data is not needed before proceeding with approval.

Response: In our evaluation of New Jersey's SIP revision, the EPA considered both recent PM₁₀ design values (Table 3 of the TSD), as well as maximum annual 24-hour PM₁₀ concentrations (Table 4 of the TSD) for active monitoring sites within 50 kilometers of New Jersey borders, as well as the absence of nearby nonattainment and maintenance areas for the 24-hour PM₁₀ NAAQS and downward emission trends. The EPA finds this weight-of-evidence analysis is sufficient to conclude that New Jersey has met its interstate transport obligations pursuant to CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I), and that no additional air monitoring data is necessary as suggested by the commenter.

The EPA agrees with the commenter that there are limited complete, quality assured PM₁₀ design values shown in Table 3 of the TSD, PM₁₀ Design Values Within 50 kilometers of New Jersey Borders. There are seven air monitoring sites located within 50 kilometers of the State's borders. Four of the seven air monitoring locations (i.e., Camden, NJ; New York, NY; Bronx, NY and Queens, NY) had incomplete design values as shown in Table 3 for the two most recent three-year

periods available² (2016-2018, and 2015-2017). Additionally, the New York, Bronx and Queens air monitoring sites began operation in January 2017 and, therefore, “No data” is shown in Table 3 for the three-year monitoring periods in 2014-2016, and 2013-2015. The EPA, however, disagrees with the commenter that the design values listed are at best inconclusive. The design values shown in Table 3 show the average number of exceedances at each air monitoring site, deemed valid based on the completeness criteria found in 40 CFR part 50, appendix K. PM₁₀ design values, which are used by the EPA to determine attainment of the PM₁₀ NAAQS, require three years of representative monitoring data that meets 75 percent data capture,³ if available.⁴ The design values in Table 3 are shown as incomplete if they do not meet minimum completeness criteria.

At air monitoring locations in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania (PA); Hudson County, NJ; and Essex County, NJ, there were zero exceedances for the three most recent three-year periods 2016-2018, 2015-2017, and 2014-2016. These monitor locations are within 50 km of New Jersey’s borders with other states: Hudson, NJ - 2 km; Essex County, NJ - 8 km and Lehigh, PA – 20 km. When considered with other data included in the EPA’s weight-of-evidence analysis, the absence of violating design values at those locations is an indication that New Jersey is not contributing significantly to nonattainment or interfering with maintenance in those areas since no violations or exceedances have occurred.

² Design values are computed and published annually by the EPA’s Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards and reviewed in conjunction with the EPA Regional Offices. At the time of the proposed rulemaking, the latest design values available from the EPA based on air quality data reported and certified by New Jersey was from 2016-2018. Design values are available at <https://www.epa.gov/air-trends/air-quality-design-values>.

³ For PM₁₀ a complete set of data includes a minimum of 75 percent of the scheduled PM₁₀ samples per quarter. See 40 CFR part 50, appendix K, section 2.3(a).

⁴ Data not meeting the criteria in 40 CFR part 50 may also suffice to show attainment; however such exceptions must be approved by the appropriate Regional Administrator in accordance with EPA guidance. See 40 CFR part 50, appendix K, section 2.3.

The commenter indicated that the Agency should consider only quality assured air monitoring data to show violations of the 24-Hour PM₁₀ NAAQS. The commenter further notes the significance of incomplete data from the Camden, NJ, New York, NY, Bronx, NY, and Queens, NY sites since they are closest (i.e., 1 to 17 km away) to State borders. The EPA agrees that the four locations would yield useful information regarding New Jersey's interstate transport contribution provisions based on their close proximity to New Jersey borders. However, the EPA does not conclude that only design values that meet completeness requirements may be considered as part of the weight of evidence analysis used to support approving New Jersey's SIP revision. When determining whether an area has met the NAAQS, the EPA relies only on complete quality assured monitoring data; however, in this rulemaking, the EPA is not making a determination of attainment. There is no regulation, statute, or other requirement that an interstate transport analysis rely only on complete data for determining whether a state has met its interstate transport obligations under 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I). Rather, the EPA finds it is reasonable to consider any available and relevant data that assists with its consideration regarding whether there may be an air quality problem in downwind states that is impacted by emissions from an upwind state.

Due to the limited number of "valid" design values available at active monitoring sites with incomplete data located within 50 kilometers of New Jersey borders, the EPA also considered maximum annual 24-Hour PM₁₀ concentrations (Table 4 of the TSD) at the same active monitoring locations for 2013 through 2018. Most of the data considered was well above 75 percent data capture, which means the data was above the level for completeness when

considered on an annual basis.⁵ The air monitoring data considered was quality-assured and certified using the Federal Reference Method or equivalent data, and was reported by states, tribes or local agencies into EPA's Air Quality System (AQS).

Maximum 24-Hour PM₁₀ concentrations at all seven monitoring sites located within 50 kilometers of the State's borders continue to be well below the level of the 150 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) NAAQS. As shown in Table 4 of the TSD, the most recent data available (2017 through 2018) shows that maximum PM₁₀ concentrations were 30 percent or less of the level of the 24-Hour PM₁₀ NAAQS. In 2017, the highest maximum 24-Hour PM₁₀ concentrations was $45 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (Camden County, NJ). In 2018, the highest maximum 24-Hour PM₁₀ concentration was $44 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (Hudson County, NJ).

The EPA continues to determine, based on the information in the NPR and TSD, that there is sufficient PM₁₀ air monitoring data, when considered with the other information evaluated as part of the EPA's weight-of evidence interstate transport analysis, to conclude that New Jersey has met its interstate transport obligations under 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I). For the 24-Hour PM₁₀ NAAQS, there are no current or recent violating design values within 50 kilometers of New Jersey's borders. Further, our review of air monitoring data for New Jersey, and the neighboring states of Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware, shows no violating design values in any of the air monitors located throughout all areas of those states for the most recently available period (2016-2018). Additionally, maximum 24-Hour PM₁₀ concentrations are currently all well below

⁵ The EPA has added to the docket of this rulemaking annual data completeness data for each of the air monitoring sites considered in our analysis. See AQS data completeness reports (AMP430), and AQS Quick Look Reports (AMP450). Data completeness for all sites in 2017 and 2018 were well above 75 percent data capture, except for the Camden site, which had 74 percent data capture in 2018. The previous year (2017) at the Camden site had 92% data capture.

the level of the 150 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ NAAQS. The lack of exceedances or violations in any of the air quality monitoring data indicates that there are no areas located within 50 km of New Jersey's border that are likely to be in nonattainment of the PM_{10} NAAQS or to struggle to maintain the standards.

Comment: The commenter asked what specific measures were adopted by the State that control NO_2 and CO on a 1-hour and 8-hour basis. The commenter states that none of the measures listed in the EPA's NPR or TSD or New Jersey's submission discuss control measures which control NO_2 or CO emissions on a short-term basis. The commenter indicates that the EPA should only approve transport elements for NO_2 and CO if control measures control emissions on a short-term basis. The commenter claims that just because annual emissions have decreased as the EPA has shown in Table 7 and 9 (of the TSD) doesn't mean these measures are able to control NO_2 at the 1-hour interval or CO at the 8-hour interval. The commenter further asks the EPA to explain how these control measures control 1-hour NO_2 emissions or 8-hour CO emissions.

Response: The EPA disagrees with the commenter that the EPA should only approve transport elements for NO_2 and CO if New Jersey control measures control emissions on a short-term basis, such as on a 1-hour or 8-hour basis. Additionally, because the EPA did not rely on New Jersey control methods to support approval of New Jersey's interstate transport SIP, these comments regarding whether or how New Jersey measures control NO_2 or CO emissions on a short-term basis (or 1-hour and 8-hour basis or interval) are not relevant to this action.

Although New Jersey included a list of relevant control measures in its October 2014 SIP submittal, the EPA did not rely on specific control measures to support the EPA's conclusion that

New Jersey's SIP adequately addresses the good neighbor provision for the CO and NO₂ NAAQS. In our evaluation of the New Jersey's interstate transport SIP, the EPA considered ambient air quality data, the lack of nearby nonattainment and maintenance areas, and downward emission trends to determine that New Jersey did not contribute significantly to potential downwind nonattainment and maintenance in another state and, therefore, New Jersey has met its obligations pursuant to 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) with respect to the 2010 NO₂ and 2011 CO NAAQS.

Because there are no indications that there are current or potential air quality problems in other states to which emissions from New Jersey would contribute, the EPA has concluded that New Jersey is not required to "prohibit" any particular amount of emissions. Rather, the EPA interprets the statute to only require a SIP to include enforceable control measures prohibiting emissions where the EPA has first concluded that emissions from the upwind state will significantly contribute to downwind nonattainment or interfere with downwind maintenance of the NAAQS. *See, e.g.*, 83 FR 65866-888; 84 FR 56077-078. Accordingly, the EPA does not agree with the commenter that New Jersey's SIP must include measures specifically designed to control any particular level of NO₂ or CO emissions in order to satisfy the requirements of CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I).

The commenter has not raised any concerns with the adequacy of the EPA's analysis of potential downwind air quality problems in other states, nor has the commenter offered any data or evidence suggesting that New Jersey is contributing significantly to nonattainment or interfering with maintenance in another state, or that control of short-term emissions of NO₂ or CO is necessary to address any alleged nonattainment or maintenance concerns in neighboring states.

The EPA finds that the ambient air quality data, the lack of nearby nonattainment and maintenance areas, and emission trends are sufficient to conclude that there are no current or potential air quality problems in other states and, therefore, New Jersey's SIP is adequate to prohibit emissions that significantly contribute to nonattainment or interfere with maintenance of the 2010 NO₂ and 2011 CO NAAQS.

III. What action is the EPA taking?

The EPA is approving the portions of New Jersey's SIP revision submittal dated October 17, 2014, addressing interstate transport for the 2006 PM₁₀, 2008 lead, 2010 NO₂, and 2011 CO NAAQS as these portions meet the infrastructure SIP requirements in section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) of the CAA.

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. 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 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 (Public Law 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 Clean Air Act; 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).

In addition, this rulemaking action, pertaining to New Jersey's section 110(a)(2) infrastructure requirements for the 2006 PM₁₀, 2008 lead, 2010 NO₂, and 2011 CO NAAQS 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).

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 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 **[insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]**. 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, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: April 19, 2020.

Peter Lopez,
Regional Administrator,
Region 2.

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 FF—New Jersey

2. In §52.1570, the table in paragraph (e) is amended by adding the entry “NJ Infrastructure SIP for the 2006 PM₁₀, 2008 Lead, 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide, and the 2011 Carbon Monoxide NAAQS; Interstate Transport Provisions” at the end of the table to read as follows:

§52.1570 Identification of plan.

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EPA-APPROVED NEW JERSEY NONREGULATORY AND QUASI-REGULATORY PROVISIONS

SIP element	Applicable geographic or nonattainment area	New Jersey submittal date	EPA approval date	Explanation
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NJ Infrastructure SIP for the 2006 PM ₁₀ , 2008 Lead, 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide, and the 2011 Carbon Monoxide NAAQS; Interstate Transport Provisions	State-wide	October 17, 2014	[insert date of publication in the Federal Register], [insert Federal Register citation]	This action addresses the following CAA elements: 110(a)(2)(D)(i) (I) prongs 1 and 2.

3. In §52.1586, paragraph (b)(1) is amended by adding a sentence at the end of the paragraph to

read as follows:

§52.1586 Section 110(a)(2) infrastructure requirements.

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(1)* * * Submittal from New Jersey dated October 17, 2014 to address the CAA infrastructure requirements of section 110(a)(2) for the 2006 PM₁₀, 2008 Lead, 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide, and the 2011 Carbon Monoxide NAAQS is approved for (D)(i)(I).

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