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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Campbell-Clermont Area Maintenance Plan for the 2010 1-Hour SO_2 NAAQS; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to the receipt of adverse comments, the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is withdrawing the September 25, 2026, direct final rule that approved the second 10-year maintenance plan for the Kentucky portion of the Campbell-Clermont, Kentucky-Ohio maintenance area ("Campbell-Clermont, KY-OH Area" or "Area") for the 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO_2) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

DATES: Effective **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**, the EPA withdraws the direct final rule published at 91 FR 60840 on September 25, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Because the EPA received adverse comments, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule entitled, "Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Campbell-Clermont Area Maintenance Plan for the 2010 1-Hour SO_2 NAAQS," published on September 25, 2026 (91 FR 60840). The EPA stated in that direct final rule that if the Agency received adverse comments by October 26, 2026, the EPA would publish a timely withdrawal in the *Federal Register*. Because the EPA subsequently

received adverse comments on that direct final rule, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule.

The EPA published a parallel proposed rule on the same day as the direct final rule. The proposed rule invited comments on the substance of the direct final rule. The EPA will address the comments in a separate final action based on the proposed rule also published on September 25, 2026.[1] As stated in the proposed rule, the EPA will not institute a second comment period for this action.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: November 12, 2026

Kristy Eubanks,
Deputy Regional Administrator performing the functions and duties of the Regional Administrator,
Region 4.

[1] *See* 91 FR 60925.

PART 52 – APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

The amendment to 40 CFR 52.920(e), adding an entry for "2010 1-hour SO_2 Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the Kentucky portion of the Campbell-Clermont, KY-OH Area," published on September 25, 2026 (91 FR 60840), which was to become effective November 24, 2026, is withdrawn as of **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].**

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