

(e) Approval of the motor vehicle emissions budgets for the following PM-10 reasonable further progress and attainment SIPs will apply for transportation conformity purposes only until new budgets based on updated planning data and models have been submitted and EPA has found the budgets to be adequate for conformity purposes.

(1) South Coast, approved April 18, 2003.

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Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California—Coachella Valley

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is taking final action to approve state implementation plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of California to provide for attainment of the particulate matter (PM-10) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) in the Coachella Valley area and to establish emissions budgets for use in transportation conformity determinations. EPA is also granting the State's request for an extension of the PM-10 attainment deadline to December 31, 2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This action is effective May 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You can inspect copies of the docket for this action during normal business hours at the EPA Region IX office. You can inspect copies of the submitted SIP materials at the following locations.

California Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California, 95814.
South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, 91765-0932.

The 2002 plan is electronically available at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/aqmp/>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document "we", "us", and "our" means EPA.

I. Proposed Actions

On December 17, 2002 (67 FR 77212), we proposed to approve the serious area PM-10 SIP submittals by California for the Coachella Valley (Valley) including the motor vehicle emissions budgets, and to grant the State's request that we extend the attainment date from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2006, in accordance with Clean Air Act (CAA) section 188(e).

We proposed to approve specific portions of the following submittals:

(1) *1994 plan:* The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), which has jurisdiction over the Valley, adopted the 1994 BACM SIP for the Valley on July 8, 1994 and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) submitted the plan to us on August 16, 1994. The 1994 plan, in accordance with the provisions of CAA section 189(1)(B), identified the Best Available Control Measures (BACM) that were required for this serious PM-10 nonattainment area and committed to implementation of these measures by February 8, 1997.

(2) *1996 Plan:* The SCAQMD adopted a Redesignation and Maintenance Plan on December 13, 1996 and submitted the plan to us on February 5, 1997. The 1996 plan addressed the remaining plan provisions for serious PM-10 nonattainment areas, as specified in the CAA sections 188 and 189. However, before EPA acted on the 1996 plan, the area recorded a violation of the annual PM-10 NAAQS during the period from 1999 through 2001 and was therefore unable to meet its attainment date of December 31, 2001.

(3) *2002 Plan:* On June 21, 2002 and September 13, 2002 the SCAQMD adopted amendments to the 1996 plan and CARB submitted the 2002 plan to us on November 18, 2002. The 2002 plan addresses the CAA provisions for emissions inventories, control measures and BACM, reasonable further progress, contingency measures, attainment demonstration, attainment date extension and motor vehicle emissions budgets.

Our proposal on this action contains detailed information on these SIP submittals and our evaluation of the submittals against applicable CAA provisions and EPA policies relating to serious area PM-10 SIPs.

II. Public Comments

Under EPA's policy for reviewing the adequacy of motor vehicle emissions budget submissions, these budgets were

posted on the EPA Web site for public comment.¹ The public comment period was open for thirty days. No comments were received by EPA during the 30 day adequacy comment period nor did EPA receive any comments on our December 17, 2002 proposal.

III. Summary of Final Action

In this document, we are finalizing the following actions on the PM-10 SIP submittals for the Coachella Valley. For each action, we indicate the page on which the element is discussed in our proposal.

(1) Approval of the baseline and projected emissions inventories of the 2002 plan (Chapter 3) under CAA section 172(c)(3)—67 FR 77206-77207.

(2) Approval of the control measures in the 1994 plan (Chapter 4), 1996 plan (Chapter 4), and the 2002 plan (Chapters 4 and 5) under CAA section 110(k)(3) as meeting the provisions of CAA sections 110(a), 188(e), and 189(b)(1)(B)—67 FR 77207-77209.

(3) Approval of the contingency measures in the 2002 plan, under CAA section 110(k)(3) as meeting the provisions of CAA section 172(c)(9)—67 FR 77209.

(4) Approval of the reasonable further progress provisions of the 2002 plan (Appendix E-3, Table E-2)—67 FR 77216-7 (Table 2).

(5) Approval of the demonstration of attainment in the 1997 plan (Chapter 5, Appendix V) under CAA section 189(b)(1)(A)—67 FR 77209.

(6) Approval of the attainment deadline extension to December 31, 2006 in the 2002 plan (Chapter 8) under CAA section 188(e)—67 FR 77210.

(7) Approval of the motor vehicle emission budgets for use in transportation conformity determinations for the years 2003 and 2006 under CAA section 176(c)(2)(A)—67 FR 77211 (Table E-3). As proposed, we are limiting this approval to last only until the effective date of our adequacy findings for new replacement budgets. For further discussion of the rationale for, and effect of, this limitation, please see our recent promulgation of a limitation on motor vehicle emission budgets associated with various California SIPs, at 67 FR 69139 (November 15, 2002).

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), this action is

¹ The e-mail address for EPA's conformity Web site is <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>. (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").