

maintenance plan includes commitments to continue to operate and maintain the network of ambient PM₁₀ monitoring stations in the Liberty Borough area in accordance with provisions of 40 CFR part 58 to demonstrate ongoing attainment with the PM₁₀ NAAQS.

d. **Verification of Continued Attainment**—In addition to reviewing monitoring data in the Liberty Borough area to verify continued attainment, the ACHD will continue to examine the air quality impact of any new major sources or modifications through its PSD program to insure protection of the NAAQS. Furthermore, the air quality impacts of new minor sources or modifications resulting in any increases in emissions and/or significant changes to the stack configurations/parameters from those modeled in the attainment demonstration would be evaluated to assure protection and maintenance of the NAAQS in the area.

e. **Contingency Plan**—The contingency measures for the Liberty Borough area will be triggered upon a violation of the PM₁₀ standard, and the ACHD will notify effected sources within 60 days of a violation that contingency measures must be implemented. The same contingency measures that were approved on September 8, 1998 (63 FR 47434) for the attainment demonstration are being used as contingency measures for the maintenance plan. These measures require that procedures to capture pushing emissions from the coke batteries at U.S. Steel Clairton Works be improved (except for emissions from Battery B which is equipped with a coke-side shed). The measures must be implemented at the batteries within 30 days after receiving notification from ACHD that the measures were triggered.

2. **Commitment To Submit Subsequent Maintenance Plan Revisions**
A new maintenance plan must be submitted to EPA, as a SIP revision, within eight years of the redesignation of the nonattainment area, as required by section 175(A)(b). This subsequent maintenance plan must provide for the maintenance of the PM₁₀ NAAQS for a period of 10 years after the expiration of the initial 10 year maintenance period.

E. The Submittal Meets the Applicable Requirements of Section 110 and Part D

General SIP elements are delineated in section 110(a)(2) of Title I, part A. These requirements include but are not limited to the following: submittal of a SIP that has been adopted by the state after reasonable notice and public hearing, provisions for establishment and operation of appropriate apparatus,

methods, systems and procedures necessary to monitor ambient air quality, implementation of a permit program, provisions for part C, Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), and part D, New Source Review (NSR) permit programs, criteria for stationary source emission control measures, monitoring and reporting, and provisions for public and local agency participation. For the purposes of redesignation, the Pennsylvania SIP was reviewed to ensure that all requirements under the amended CAA were satisfied through approved SIP provisions for the Liberty Borough area. EPA has concluded that the Commonwealth's SIP for the Liberty Borough nonattainment area satisfies all of the Section 110 SIP requirements. As discussed previously in section IV. B. 2. of this document, all applicable part D requirements have been satisfied.

V. Proposed Action

EPA review of the redesignation request and maintenance plan for the Liberty Borough moderate PM₁₀ nonattainment area submitted on October 28, 2002 by the PADEP, on behalf of the ACHD, indicates that all requirements for approval have been satisfied. EPA is, therefore, proposing to redesignate the Liberty Borough area from nonattainment to attainment of the PM₁₀ NAAQS. We are also proposing to approve the maintenance plan required under section 175A as a revision to the Pennsylvania SIP for this area. EPA has prepared a Technical Support Document (TSD) in support of this proposed rulemaking. Copies are available, upon request, from the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. EPA is soliciting public comment on the issues discussed in this document. These comments will be considered before taking final action. Interested parties may participate in the Federal rulemaking procedure by submitting either electronic or written comments. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate rulemaking identification number PA189-4300 in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

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