

qualifications for Federal civilian employment, Federal contracts, or access to classified information. Unless sources can be assured that a promise of confidentiality will be honored, they will be less likely to provide information considered essential to the Department in making the required determinations.

(ii) From (e)(1) because in the collection of information for investigatory purposes, it is not always possible to determine the relevance and necessity of particular information in the early stages of the investigation. In some cases, it is only after the information is evaluated in light of other information that its relevance and necessity becomes clear. Such information permits more informed decision-making by the Department when making required suitability, eligibility, and qualification determinations.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[Region II Docket No. NJ62-262, FRL-7535-4]

### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Revised Motor Vehicle Emissions Inventories for 1996, 2005, and 2007 and Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for 2005 and 2007 Using MOBILE6

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is approving a revision to the New Jersey State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the attainment and maintenance of the 1-hour national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ozone. Specifically, EPA is approving New Jersey's: revised 1996, 2005, and 2007 motor vehicle emission inventories and 2005 and 2007 motor vehicle emissions budgets recalculated using MOBILE6; modified date for submittal of the State's mid-course review; and updated general conformity emissions budgets for McGuire Air Force Base. The intended effect of this action is to approve a SIP revision that will help the State continue to plan for

attainment of the 1-hour NAAQS for ozone in the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island nonattainment area (NAA) and the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton NAA.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This rule will be effective August 22, 2003.

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#### I. Background

On May 5, 2003 (68 FR 23662), EPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking regarding a SIP revision submitted by the State of New Jersey for its portions of the two severe ozone NAAs—the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island Area and the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Area. For purposes of this action, these areas will be referred to as the Northern New Jersey NAA and the Trenton NAA, respectively. That notice proposed to approve New Jersey's revised 1996, 2005, and 2007 motor vehicle emission inventories and 2005 and 2007 motor vehicle emissions "budgets" recalculated using MOBILE6, modified date for submittal of the State's mid-course review, and updated general conformity emissions budgets for McGuire Air Force Base.

The SIP revision was proposed under a procedure called parallel processing, whereby EPA proposes a rulemaking

action concurrently with a state's procedures for amending its regulations. The proposed SIP revision was initially submitted to EPA on January 31, 2003, and the final SIP revision was formally submitted on April 8, 2003. New Jersey also submitted additional information in a letter dated June 26, 2003 to supplement the April 8, 2003 SIP revision. A detailed description of New Jersey's submittal and EPA's rationale for the proposed action were presented in the May 5, 2003 notice of proposed rulemaking and will not be restated here. In response to EPA's proposed action on this New Jersey SIP revision, no comments were received.

## II. What Are the Details of EPA's Specific Actions?

### A. Emission Inventories Revised with MOBILE6

New Jersey's April 8, 2003 SIP revision contained revised 1996, 2005, and 2007 motor vehicle emissions inventories recalculated with the MOBILE6 motor vehicle emissions factor model. Consistent with EPA's policy regarding the use of MOBILE6 in SIP development in its "Policy Guidance on the Use of MOBILE6 for SIP Development and Transportation Conformity" and "Clarification of Policy Guidance for MOBILE6 in Mid-course Review Areas", New Jersey included in the April 8, 2003 submittal a relative reduction comparison to show that its 1-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration SIP continues to demonstrate attainment using revised MOBILE6 inventories for the Northern New Jersey NAA and the Trenton NAA. The State's methodology for the relative reduction comparison consisted of comparing the new MOBILE6 inventories with the previously approved on February 4, 2002 (67 FR 5152) MOBILE5 inventories for the Northern New Jersey NAA and the Trenton NAA to determine if attainment will still be predicted by the established attainment dates. Specifically, the State calculated the relative reductions (expressed as percent reductions) in ozone precursors between the 1996 base year and attainment year inventory, both MOBILE5-based. These percent reductions were then compared to the percent reductions between the revised MOBILE6-based 1996 base year and attainment year inventories.

To further support the relative reduction comparison submitted in the April 8, 2003 submittal, New Jersey performed a supplemental analysis, submitted as an addendum on June 26, 2003, which estimated the change in emission factors in going from MOBILE5