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i. *E-mail*. Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail). Please send any comments simultaneously to long.richard@epa.gov and dygowski.laurel@epa.gov and include the text "Public comment on proposed rulemaking MT-001-0005, MT-001-0006" in the subject line. EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly without going through "Regulations.gov" (see below), EPA's e-mail system will automatically capture your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket.

ii. *Regulations.gov*. Your use of Regulations.gov is an alternative method of submitting electronic comments to EPA. Go directly to Regulations.gov at <http://www.regulations.gov>, then click on the button "TO SEARCH FOR REGULATIONS CLICK HERE," and select Environmental Protection Agency as the Agency name to search on. The list of current EPA actions available for comment will be listed. Please follow the online instructions for submitting comments. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

iii. *Disk or CD-ROM*. You may submit comments on a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Section 2, directly below. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect, Word or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By Mail*. Send your comments to: Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite

300, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466. Please include the text "Public comment on proposed rulemaking MT-001-0005, MT-001-0006" in the subject line on the first page of your comment.

3. *By Hand Delivery or Courier*. Deliver your comments to: Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466. Such deliveries are only accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:55 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

C. How Should I Submit CBI to the Agency?

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In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the official public regional rulemaking file. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD-ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public file and available for public inspection without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

D. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at your estimate.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternatives.

7. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate regional file/rulemaking identification number in the subject line on the first page of your response. It would also be helpful if you provided the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation related to your comments.

II. Summary of SIP Revision

A. Background

The Thompson Falls area was designated nonattainment for PM₁₀ and classified as moderate under section 107(d)(3) of the Clean Air Act on December 21, 1993.¹ See 57 FR 43846 (September 22, 1992), 58 FR 67334 (December 21, 1993) and 40 CFR 81.327 (Sanders County (part)). The Thompson Falls designation became effective on January 20, 1994. The air quality planning requirements for moderate PM₁₀ nonattainment areas are set out in subparts 1 and 4 of title I of the Act. Subpart 1 applies to nonattainment areas generally and subpart 4 applies to PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. At times, subpart 1 and subpart 4 overlap or conflict. We have attempted to clarify the relationship among these provisions in guidance entitled the "General Preamble" (see 57 FR 13498, April 16, 1992, and 57 FR 18070, April 28, 1992) and, as appropriate, in today's notice.

B. What Requirements Do States Need To Follow in Developing PM₁₀ Nonattainment Area SIPs?

Our "General Preamble" describes our preliminary views on how we will review SIPs and SIP revisions submitted under title I of the Act, including State-submitted SIPs for moderate PM₁₀ nonattainment areas (see generally 57 FR 13498, April 16, 1992, and 57 FR 18070, April 28, 1992). In this document, we are applying our interpretations considering the specific factual issues presented.

A State containing a moderate PM₁₀ nonattainment area designated after the 1990 Amendments is normally required to submit several provisions within 18 months of the effective date of the designation. These provisions were due for the Thompson Falls area by July 20, 1995. They include an emissions inventory, control measures, an attainment demonstration, quantitative

¹ The 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act made significant changes to the Act. See Public Law 101-549, 104 Stat. 2399. References herein are to the Clean Air Act, as amended ("the Act"). The Clean Air Act is codified, as amended, in the U.S. Code at 42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*