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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The EPA is announcing an extension of the public comment period for its proposed title, “State Implementation Plans: Response to Petition for Rulemaking; Findings of Substantial Inadequacy; and SIP Calls To Amend Provisions Applying to Excess Emissions During Periods of Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction.” The EPA has received numerous requests for extension of the comment period beyond the current deadline of April 11, 2013, and one request that it not extend the comment period by an additional 60 to 90 days, and in response to those requests the EPA is extending the comment period by an additional 30 days.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule published February 22, 2013 (78 FR 12460) must be received on or before May 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2012–0322, by one of the following methods:

http://www.regulations.gov: Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: (202) 566–9744.


Hand Delivery: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA West (Air Docket), 1301 Constitution Avenue, Northwest, Room 3334, Washington, DC 20004, Attention Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2012–0322. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket’s normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions. Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2012–0322. The EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means the EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to the EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, the EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any CD you submit.

If the EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, the EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, avoid any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about the EPA’s public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm. For additional instructions on submitting comments, go to section I.A. of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

Docket. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically at www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is

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The purpose of this notice is to extend the public comment period on the EPA’s recently proposed rulemaking titled, “State Implementation Plans: Response to Petition for Rulemaking: Findings of Substantial Inadequacy; and SIP Calls to Amend Provisions Applying to Excess Emissions During Periods of Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction.” The proposal was published in the Federal Register on February 22, 2013, with an original deadline of March 25, 2013, for receipt of comments. However, as provided in the proposal, because a public hearing on the proposal was requested and this hearing was held on March 12, 2013, the deadline for receipt of comments was automatically extended to 30 days after the date of the public hearing. Accordingly, the public comment period for the proposal has already been extended to April 11, 2013. The EPA has received numerous requests to extend the end date of the comment period for the proposed rulemaking beyond April 11, 2013. Those requesting additional time include industry, industry trade associations, and state and local air pollution agencies in potentially affected states. These requestors claim that because the proposal is complex and far-reaching, with unique state-specific issues, they need extra time during which to review existing SIP provisions in light of the proposed actions and to provide meaningful and comprehensive comments on all aspects of the proposal.

The EPA has also received, to date, one request that it not extend the comment period for this proposed rulemaking. This request was from the environmental group that submitted the petition at issue to the EPA. This requestor opposes requests to extend the comment period by an additional 60 to 90 days, given the seriousness of public health issues at stake and the already extended period of time it will take to address any necessary SIP revisions as a result of the proposed rulemaking, and because the justifications offered for extension of the comment period are not relevant to the specific issues in the rulemaking.

The EPA has carefully evaluated these competing requests regarding the length of the public comment period for the proposed rulemaking. In response to these requests, the EPA by this notice is extending the comment period for an additional 30 days, that is, until May 13, 2013. Accordingly, the EPA notes, commenters thus have a comment period of 80 days from the date the proposed rulemaking was published in the Federal Register and 89 days from the date the proposed rulemaking was posted on the EPA’s Web site. The EPA believes that this length of comment period is reasonable and appropriate, considering the issues addressed in the proposed rulemaking.


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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Redesignation of the Indianapolis Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standard for Fine Particulate Matter

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; supplemental.

SUMMARY: EPA is issuing a supplement to its proposed approval of the State of Indiana’s request to redesignate the Indianapolis area to attainment for the 1997 annual National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS or standard) for fine particulate matter (PM2.5). This supplemental proposal revises and expands the basis for proposing approval of the state’s request, in light of developments since EPA issued its initial proposal on September 27, 2011. This supplemental proposal addresses four issues, including the effects of two decisions of the United States Court of