

18 AAC 50.530. Circumvention (6/7/87)

#### Article 5. Procedural and Administrative

18 AAC 50.600. Reclassification Procedures and Criteria (11/1/82)  
18 AAC 50.610. Air Episodes and Advisories (7/21/91)  
18 AAC 50.620. State Air Quality Control Plan (4/23/94)

#### Article 6. General Provisions

18 AAC 50.900. Definitions (7/21/91)  
C. EPA has corrected several out-of-date sections found in 40 CFR 52.73-96 relating to Alaska SIP deficiencies.

#### IV. Administrative Review

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 600 *et seq.*, EPA must prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis assessing the impact of any proposed or final rule on small entities. 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604. Alternatively, EPA may certify that the rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small not-for-profit enterprises, and government entities with jurisdiction over populations of less than 50,000.

SIP approvals under section 110 and subchapter I, Part D of the CAA do not create any new requirements, but simply approve requirements that the state is already imposing. Therefore, because the federal SIP-approval does not impose any new requirements, I certify that it does not have a significant impact on any small entities affected. Moreover, due to the nature of the federal-state relationship under the CAA, preparation of a regulatory flexibility analysis would constitute federal inquiry into the economic reasonableness of state action. The CAA forbids EPA to base its actions concerning SIPs on such grounds. *Union Electric Co. v. U.S.E.P.A.*, 427 U.S. 246, 256-66 (S.Ct. 1976); 42 U.S.C. 7410(a)(2).

The EPA is publishing this action without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. However, in a separate document in this **Federal Register** publication, the EPA is proposing to approve the SIP revision should adverse or critical comments be filed. This action will be effective April 17, 1995 unless, by March 20, 1995, adverse or critical comments are received.

If the EPA receives such comments, this action will be withdrawn before the effective date by publishing a subsequent notice that will withdraw the final action. All public comments

received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this action serving as a proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. If no such comments are received, the public is advised that this action will be effective April 17, 1995.

The EPA has reviewed this request for revision of the federally-approved SIP for conformance with the provisions of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments enacted on November 15, 1990. The EPA has determined that this action conforms with those requirements.

Nothing in this action should be construed as permitting or allowing or establishing a precedent for any future request for revision to any SIP. Each request for revision to the SIP shall be considered separately in light of specific technical, economic and environmental factors and in relation to relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.

This action has been classified as a Table 2 action by the Regional Administrator under the procedures published in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 1989 (54 FR 2214-2225), as revised by an October 4, 1993 memorandum from Michael H. Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. The OMB has exempted this regulatory action from E.O. 12866 review.

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by April 17, 1995. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this rule for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements. (See section 307(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. 7607(b)(2).)

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**Note:** Incorporation by reference of the Implementation Plan for the State of Alaska was approved by the Director of the Office of Federal Register on July 1, 1982.

Dated: January 23, 1995.

**Chuck Clarke,**

*Regional Administrator.*

Part 52, chapter I, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

#### Subpart C—Alaska

2. Section 52.70 is amended by adding paragraph (c)(19) to read as follows:

#### § 52.70 Identification of plan.

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(19) The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) takes action on and/or approves regulations from three submittals received from the ADEC on July 17, 1990, October 15, 1991 and on March 24, 1994, which pertain to correcting SIP deficiencies in the CFR; amendments to regulations dealing with Air Quality Control, 18 AAC 50, for inclusion into Alaska's SIP; and additional amendments to 18 AAC 50, Air Quality Control, for inclusion into Alaska's SIP to assure compliance with new source review permitting requirements for sources located in nonattainment areas for either carbon monoxide or particulate matter.

(i) Incorporation by reference.

(A) July 17, 1990 letter from ADEC to EPA requesting correction for findings of SIP deficiency in 40 CFR Part 52, and including the version of Alaska Statutes, "Title 46. Water, Air, Energy, and Environmental Conservation," in effect at the time of the July 17, 1990 letter, of which Sections 46.03.020, 46.03.030, 46.03.032, and 46.03.715, amended in 1987, were the most recently amended of the enclosed statutes.

(B) October 15, 1991 letter from ADEC to EPA, and including amendments to regulations and the State Air Quality Control Plan to assure compliance with national ambient air quality standards for particulate matter; the Order Amending Regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation, effective July 21, 1991; and the following *Alaska Administrative Code*, 18 AAC 50, *Air Quality Control Regulations*: (50.020; 50.085; 50.100; 50.300; 50.400; 50.510, 50.520, 50.610, and 50.900), effective July 21, 1991, Register 119.

(C) March 24, 1994 letter from Walter J. Hickel, Governor of Alaska, to Chuck Clarke, Regional Administrator of EPA, and including amendments to 18 AAC 50, State Air Quality Control Plan; the Order Adopting and Amending