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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

AGENCY: Air Quality TITLE-SERIES: 45-08

RULE TYPE: Legislative Amendment to Existing Rule: Yes Repeal of existing rule: No

RULE NAME: Ambient Air Quality Standards

CITE STATUTORY AUTHORITY: W. Va. Code § 22-5-4

COMMENTS LIMITED TO:
Oral and Written

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 07/09/2019 6:00 PM

LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Department of Environmental Protection, Dolly Sods Conference Room #1125, 601 57th Street SE,
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PLEASE INDICATE IF THIS FILING INCLUDES:

RELEVANT FEDERAL STATUTES OR REGULATIONS: No

(IF YES, PLEASE UPLOAD IN THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FIELD)

INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE: Yes

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PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE RULE:

The rule establishes and adopts ambient air quality standards in West Virginia for sulfur oxides (SO_x), particulate matter (PM), carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O₃), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and lead (Pb), equivalent to the national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) established under §109 of the Clean Air Act and promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under 40 C.F.R. Part 50. National primary ambient air quality standards define levels of air quality which the Administrator of the EPA judges are necessary, with an adequate margin of safety, to protect the public health. National secondary ambient air quality standards define levels of air quality which the Administrator of the EPA judges necessary to protect the public welfare from any known or anticipated adverse effects of a pollutant.

The rule also establishes and adopts ambient air monitoring reference methods and equivalent methods promulgated by the EPA under 40 C.F.R. Part 53. These reference methods are used to determine attainment (or non-attainment) of the NAAQS.

SUMMARIZE IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER CONTENTS OF CHANGES IN THE RULE AND A STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING THE RULE:

Summary of changes in the rule:

Revisions to the rule include the annual incorporation by reference (IBR) of 40 C.F.R. Parts 50 and 53 promulgated by EPA as of June 1, 2019 including the retention of the primary NAAQS for sulfur oxides (SO_x), the designation of one new equivalent method for measuring concentrations of ozone in the ambient air, the designation of one new reference method for measuring concentrations of nitrogen dioxide in ambient air, and the designation of one new reference method for measuring concentrations of carbon monoxide in ambient air.

The effective date of the standards being incorporated in the Incorporation by Reference subsection was changed from June 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019. The date the standards are being incorporated in the Adoption of standards subsection 3.1 was changed from June 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019.

Statement of circumstances requiring the rule:

This rule is exempt from the Regulatory Moratorium of Executive Order 2-18 under condition 3(g), updating state rules to comply with federal law requirements.

This rule is included in the West Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP), as required under § 110 of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). The annual incorporation by reference updates to this rule allow WV to retain primacy of its air quality programs. The EPA reviewed the primary national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for SO_x and retained the current standard of 75 parts per billion (ppb), as the 99th percentile of daily maximum 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) concentrations, averaged over 3 years without revision. Revisions to this rule are required to adopt the primary SO_x NAAQS and to adopt the ambient air monitoring reference methods and equivalent methods promulgated by the EPA under 40 C.F.R. Part 53 as of June 1, 2019.

Upon authorization and promulgation, 45 C.S.R. 8 will be submitted to the EPA as a revision to the State Implementation Plan pursuant to the CAA.

SUMMARIZE IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER THE OVERALL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

A. ECONOMIC IMPACT ON REVENUES OF STATE GOVERNMENT:

The proposed revisions to this rule should not impact revenues of state government.

B. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE RULE ON THE STATE OR ITS RESIDENTS:

The proposed revisions to this rule should not impact costs of state government, nor should it have an economic impact on the state or its residents. The proposed revisions to this rule should have no additional impact on the cost of state government beyond that resulting from currently applicable federal requirements.

C. FISCAL NOTE DETAIL:

Effect of Proposal	Fiscal Year		
	2019 Increase/Decrease (use "-")	2020 Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Repairs and Alterations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
2. Estimated Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

D. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

Costs are covered under previous cost estimates. The above estimates reflect there are not any anticipated changes in costs to administer this rule.

BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Yes

Jason E Wandling -- By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.

TITLE 45
LEGISLATIVE RULE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AIR QUALITY

SERIES 8
AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

§45-8-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes and adopts ambient air quality standards in West Virginia for sulfur oxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, ozone, nitrogen dioxide and lead, equivalent to the national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards established under Section 109 of the Clean Air Act and promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under 40 C.F.R. Part 50. National primary ambient air quality standards define levels of air quality which the Administrator judges are necessary, with an adequate margin of safety, to protect the public health. National secondary ambient air quality standards define levels of air quality which the Administrator judges necessary to protect the public welfare from any known or anticipated adverse effects of a pollutant. This rule also establishes and adopts ambient air monitoring reference methods and equivalent methods promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under 40 C.F.R. Part 53. The Secretary hereby adopts these standards and methods by reference. The Secretary also adopts the appendices to these standards and methods. These standards and methods are subject to revision, and additional primary and secondary standards may be promulgated as the Administrator deems necessary to protect the public health and welfare.

1.2. Authority. -- W.Va. Code § 22-5-4.

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~April 24, 2019.~~

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~June 1, 2019.~~

1.5. Sunset Provision. -- Does not apply.

1.6. Incorporation by Reference. -- Federal Counterpart Regulation. The Secretary has determined that a federal counterpart regulation exists, and in accordance with the Secretary's recommendation this rule incorporates by reference 40 C.F.R. Part 50, "National Primary and Secondary Ambient Air Quality Standards," and 40 C.F.R. Part 53, "Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods," effective June 1, ~~2018~~ 2019.

§45-8-2. Definitions.

2.1. "Administrator" means the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or his or her authorized representative.

2.2. "Clean Air Act" or "CAA" means the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq., as amended.

2.3. "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection or such other person to whom the Secretary has delegated authority or duties pursuant to W.Va. Code §§ 22-1-6 or 22-1-8.

2.4. Other words and phrases used in this rule, unless otherwise indicated, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in 40 C.F.R. § 50.1. Words and phrases not defined therein shall have the meaning given to them in the federal Clean Air Act.

§45-8-3. Adoption of standards.

3.1. The Secretary hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under 40 C.F.R. Part 50, effective June 1, ~~2018~~ 2019. These standards are adopted for the purpose of establishing ambient air quality standards in West Virginia that are equivalent to those established under Section 109 of the Clean Air Act, as amended.

3.2. The Secretary hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the ambient air monitoring reference methods and equivalent methods promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under 40 C.F.R. Part 53, effective June 1, ~~2018~~ 2019. These standards are adopted for the purpose of establishing ambient air monitoring reference methods and equivalent methods in West Virginia.

§45-8-4. Inconsistency between rules.

4.1. In the event of any inconsistency between this rule and any other rule of the Division of Air Quality, the inconsistency shall be resolved by the determination of the Secretary and the determination shall be based upon the application of the more stringent provision, term, condition, method, or rule.