Overview
This rulemaking revises the designation status tables at 326 IAC 1-4 for Indiana counties to be consistent with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 40 CFR 81.315. On November 16, 2017, U.S. EPA published the first phase of air quality designations for the 2015 8-hour ozone standard (82 Federal Register (FR) 54232). In Indiana, 74 counties were classified as attainment/unclassifiable, effective January 16, 2018. On June 4, 2018, U.S. EPA published the second phase of air quality designations (83 FR 25776). In Indiana, two counties and one partial county were designated nonattainment, effective August 3, 2018, including Clark and Floyd counties and Calumet, Hobart, North, Ross, and St. John townships in Lake County. In addition, 12 counties and the remainder of Lake County were designated attainment/unclassifiable, effective August 3, 2018.

On October 16, 2018, U.S. EPA published a correction notice to include three counties that were omitted from the previous notices (83 FR 52157). These counties include Scott, Union, and Washington counties, which were designated attainment/unclassifiable, effective August 3, 2018. This rulemaking will update all Indiana counties with the appropriate designations, and these updates will not change how affected sources in these counties are permitted.

In addition, this rulemaking removes references in some county tables to designations under the 1-hour ozone standard since that standard has been revoked and U.S. EPA has removed the references in the federal tables at 40 CFR 81.315.

Affected Persons
This rulemaking potentially affects owners and operators of sources permitted by the Office of Air Quality that have the potential to contribute to ozone in Indiana.

Reasons for the Rule
Updating the designation status tables for all Indiana counties for the 2015 8-hour ozone standard will allow IDEM to properly issue air permits for affected sources under the Emission Offset Rules in 326 IAC 2-3, rather than the Prevention of Significant Deterioration rules in 326 IAC 2-2.

Economic Impact of the Rule
There is no economic impact from this rulemaking. This rule will not establish any requirements to which the regulated sources are not already subject through federal requirements. There is no additional fiscal impact beyond that which currently exists in the federal requirements.
Scheduled Board Action and Hearings
Board Action: May 8, 2019, Indiana Government Center 10 North Senate Avenue, Conference Room A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

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