

TITLE 326 AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

Rule Information Sheet

Vigo County SO₂ Redesignation Emergency Rule

Overview

This emergency rule temporarily revises 326 IAC 1-4-46 and 326 IAC 1-4-65 to reclassify Lake and Porter counties for the 2008 8-Hour ozone standard, and 326 IAC 1-4-85 to redesignate Vigo County for the 2010 SO₂ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). On August 7, 2019, U.S. EPA finalized its determination that the Chicago nonattainment area, which includes Lake and Porter counties in Indiana, that is currently classified as moderate nonattainment, failed to attain the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS using 2015 through 2017 monitoring data by the attainment date of July 20, 2018. As required by Section 181(b)(2)(A) of the Clean Air Act, the area has been reclassified to serious nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS. On July 8, 2019, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) published the redesignation of Fayette and Harrison townships in Vigo County, for the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS from nonattainment to attainment in the Federal Register (84 FR 32317).

Affected Persons

This rulemaking potentially affects permitted sources that emit SO₂ in Vigo County or that contribute to ozone formation in Lake and Porter counties, and any new sources planning to locate in these counties and that could emit pollutants that could impact the applicable standard.

Reasons for the Rule

Updating the designation status from “nonattainment” to “attainment” for part of Vigo County for the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS and reclassifying Lake and Porter counties from “moderate” nonattainment to “serious” nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard will provide consistency with the federal rules at 40 CFR 81.315.

Economic Impact of the Rule

This rulemaking does 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 federal rules.

Scheduled Board Action and Hearings

Board Action: September 9, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., through Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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