



NACAA-ECOS-EPA SIP Reform Workgroup: Background, Mission and Process

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Background and Mission of the Workgroup

- ❑ Collaborative NACAA-ECOS-EPA initiative established in June 2010 to address long-standing SIP process issues
- ❑ Mission: “To make the SIP process more efficient and effective while ensuring the fulfillment of statutory responsibilities to attain the NAAQS as expeditiously as practicable”
- ❑ Agreed from outset to focus only on measures that do not require Clean Air Act changes
- ❑ Three main components
 - 1) Potential SIP Reforms
 - 2) State-Local Toolkit
 - 3) Enhanced Federal Measures

Workgroup Members and Process

- Workgroup members include NACAA, ECOS and EPA representatives from

Sacramento, CA
Linn County, IA
Kentucky
Maryland
New Mexico

Nevada
New York
Ohio
South Carolina
Wisconsin

EPA HQ
EPA Regions III & VII
ECOS HQ
NACAA HQ

- Process
 - ◆ Workgroup conference calls twice a month
 - ◆ Periodic updates for and feedback sought from NACAA and ECOS members at key points

Potential SIP Reforms

- ❑ Workgroup compiled prioritized list of 13 potential improvements to the SIP process based on recommendations from
 - ◆ CAAAC
 - ◆ States and localities
 - ◆ EPA HQ and regional staff
- ❑ Sought feedback on the list from NACAA and ECOS members

Potential SIP Reforms – List of 13

- 1) Timely issuance of guidance
- 2) No unnecessary documentation for redesignation and maintenance plan submittals
- 3) Regional approaches to SIP planning
- 4) Increased use of WOE
- 5) Alignment of SIP submittal dates
- 6) Improved communications
- 7) Protocol/checklist for attainment SIP development
- 8) Letter approval for minor SIP revisions
- 9) Simplified reporting for innovative and voluntary measures
- 10) Training
- 11) State determination of how to seek public comment on SIP amendments
- 12) Electronic SIP submittals
- 13) Online database/tracker of approved SIPs and SIP submittals

Potential SIP Reforms – Progress to Date

- ❑ Initiative represents a true collaborative partnership
- ❑ Discussions illuminate and heighten awareness of the challenges of SIP development, submittal and processing
- ❑ EPA is listening carefully to states and localities and is committed to being responsive
- ❑ We're making headway on a number of issues
- ❑ Marcia and John will elaborate

Remaining Two Components of Our Mission

- ❑ State-Local Toolkit – Compilation of SIP “best practices” from across the country that have been demonstrated to reduce the time and resources historically associated with state and local SIP preparation and EPA approval.
- ❑ Enhanced Federal Measures – Pursue development and promulgation by EPA of rigorous federal measures to reduce ozone and PM and their precursors; explore the viability of other national strategies from which states and localities could benefit.

Questions?

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