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SUBJECT: Review of Plan Revisions by
the Office of Management and Budget

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PLAN REVISIONS EXEMPTED FROM REVIEW

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has agreed to exempt certain state implementation plan (SIP) revisions from review by OMB under section 3 of Executive Order 12291. Effective immediately, all proposed and final actions that unconditionally approve SIP revisions are exempt from review by OMB. The exemption does not apply to any SIP revision where the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) disapproves, conditionally approves, or defers action on part of the revision.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

The action or concurrence memo accompanying each SIP revision package should note whether the revision qualifies for exemption from OMB review. Regional offices should not include an exempted SIP revision in the same Federal Register notice as a revision requiring OMB review. If the SIP revision is exempt, the standard paragraph indicating that the revision last submitted to OMB for review should not be included in the Federal Register notice. The original and three copies of SF-83, "Request for OMB Review," also do not have to be completed and sent with the Federal Register package for processing. Jack Hidingger's office and the Office of Standards and Regulations will screen Federal Register notices already at headquarters to determine if any of those SIP revisions qualify for an exemption from OMB review.

The OMB exemption does not apply to any SIP revision determined to be a major regulation, as defined by section 1(b) of Executive Order 12291. The standard paragraph indicating that EPA must, under Executive Order 12291, judge whether a regulation is major and requires a regulatory impact analysis should still be included in the Federal Register notice for each SIP revision.

A REMINDER

Please ensure that all required information is included on the SF-83 for each SIP revision that is not exempted. The following parts of the form must be completed or OMB will return the SIP revision:

Items 1-7
Item 17
Items 19-24
Items 28, 32, 34 and 35

Interim instructions for completing SF-83 were sent to regional offices on October 9, 1981 by Daniel J. Fiorino, Chief of the Regulation Management Staff. A copy of the instructions is attached.