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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: State Implementation Plans; General Preamble for the Implementation of Title I of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990

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TO: General Release

Summary: Title I of the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 revamped the requirements for areas that have not attained the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone, carbon monoxide (CO), particulate matter (PM-10), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and lead. In addition, title I made numerous changes in the requirements for State implementation plans (SIP's) in general, including the provisions governing EPA's processing of SIP revisions, as well as the repercussions of State failures to meet the various SIP requirements. Many of these requirements call for early action by the States. For example, under title I, States with pre-enactment ozone nonattainment areas were to begin submitting SIP revision 6 months after enactment (May 15, 1991).

This General Preamble principally describes EPA's preliminary views on how EPA should interpret various provisions of title I, primarily those concerning SIP revisions required for nonattainment areas. Although the General Preamble includes various statements that States must take certain actions, these statements are made pursuant to EPA's preliminary interpretations, and thus do not bind the States and the public as a matter of law. In the near future, EPA will begin to take action, pursuant to notice-and-comment rulemaking, on SIP revisions submitted by the States, and issue rules, pursuant to notice-and-comment rulemaking, on various title I provisions. During the comment periods for those subsequent actions members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on the relevant issues. This General Preamble is an advance notice of how EPA generally intends, in those subsequent rulemakings, to take action of SIP submissions and to interpret various title I provisions.

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