§ 52.1080 Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) Program.

On March 24, 1994 Maryland’s Department of the Environment submitted a plan for the establishment and implementation of a Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) Program as a state implementation plan (SIP) revision, as required by section 182(c)(1) of the Clean Air Act. EPA approved the Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) Program on September 11, 1995 and made it part of Maryland SIP. As with all components of the SIP, Maryland must implement the program as submitted and approved by EPA.

§ 52.1081 Control strategy: Particulate matter.

(a) Determination of Attainment. EPA has determined, as of January 12, 2009, the Maryland portion of the Metropolitan Washington, DC-MD-VA non-attainment area for the 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS has attained the 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS. This determination, in accordance with 40 CFR 52.1004(c), suspends the requirements for this area to submit an attainment demonstration, associated reasonably available control measures, a reasonable further progress plan, contingency measures, and other planning SIPs related to attainment of the standard for as long as this area continues to meet the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

(b) Determination of Attainment. EPA has determined, as of November 20, 2009, the Martinsburg-Hagerstown, WV-MD fine particle (PM$_{2.5}$) nonattainment area attained the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by the applicable attainment date of April 5, 2010. Therefore, EPA has met the requirement pursuant to CAA section 179(c) to determine, based on the area’s air quality as of the attainment date, whether the area attained the standard. EPA also determined that the Martinsburg-Hagerstown, WV-MD nonattainment area is not subject to the consequences of failing to attain pursuant to section 179(d).

(c) Determination of Attainment. EPA has determined, as of May 22, 2012, based on ambient air quality data of 2008 to 2010 and the preliminary data of 2011, that the PM$_{2.5}$ nonattainment area of Baltimore, Maryland has attained the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS. This determination, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.1004(c), suspends the requirements for this area to submit an attainment demonstration, associated reasonably available control measures, a reasonable further progress plan, contingency measures, and other planning SIPs related to attainment of the standard for as long as this area continues to meet the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

§ 52.1082 Determinations of attainment.

(a) Based upon EPA’s review of the air quality data for the 3-year period 2007 to 2009, EPA determined that the Metropolitan Washington, District of Columbia-Maryland-Virginia (DC-MD-VA) fine particle (PM$_{2.5}$) nonattainment area attained the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by the applicable attainment date of April 5, 2010. Therefore, EPA has met the requirement pursuant to CAA section 179(c) to determine, based on the area’s air quality as of the attainment date, whether the area attained the standard. EPA also determined that the Metropolitan Washington, DC-MD-VA nonattainment area is not subject to the