§ 52.1772 Approval status.

(a) With the exceptions set forth in this subpart, the Administrator approves North Carolina’s plan for the attainment and maintenance of the national standards under section 110 of the Clean Air Act. Furthermore, the Administrator finds that the plan satisfies all requirements of part D, title I, of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1977.

(b) New Source review permits issued pursuant to section 173 of the Clean Air Act will not be deemed valid by EPA unless the provisions of Section V of the Emission Offset (Interpretative Rule) published on January 16, 1979 (44 FR 3274) are met.

§ 52.1773 Conditional approval.

(a) Conditional Approval—Submittal from the State of North Carolina, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR), Division of Air Quality, dated December 12, 2007, to address the Clean Air Act (CAA) infrastructure requirements for the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. On January 11, 2012, NC DENR supplemented their December 12, 2007, submission with a commitment to address the requirements of CAA section 110(a)(2)(E)(ii) of the CAA which requires state compliance with section 128 of the CAA. EPA is conditionally approving North Carolina’s submittal with respect to CAA section 110(a)(2)(E)(ii).

(b) North Carolina submitted a letter to EPA on July 10, 2012, with a commitment to address the State Implementation Plan deficiencies regarding requirements of Clean Air Act sections 110(a)(2)(C) and 110(a)(2)(J) as they both relate to Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) infrastructure requirements for the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour fine particulate matter (PM2.5) national ambient air quality standards. EPA is conditionally approving North Carolina’s commitment to address outstanding requirements promulgated in the New Source Review (NSR) PM2.5 Rule related to the PM2.5 standard for their PSD program and committing to providing the necessary SIP revision to address these NSR PM2.5 Rule requirements. If North Carolina fails to submit these revisions by October 16, 2013, the conditional approval will automatically become a disapproval on that date and EPA will issue a finding of disapproval.

(c) North Carolina submitted a commitment letter to EPA on July 10, 2012, requesting conditional approval of outstanding requirements related to the NSR PM2.5 Rule. In this letter, North Carolina provided a schedule as to how it will address outstanding requirements related to the NSR PM2.5 Rule (including PM2.5 PSD Increment-SILs-SMC, as it relates to PM2.5 increments to meet the prong 3 requirements of section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)). EPA conditionally approved the NSR PM2.5 Rule submission for North Carolina on October 16, 2012, (77 FR 63234). If the North Carolina fails to submit these revisions by October 16, 2013, the conditional approval will automatically become a disapproval on that date and EPA will issue a finding of disapproval.

§ 52.1774 [Reserved]

§ 52.1775 Rules and regulations.

Paragraph (g) of regulation 2D.0535 is disapproved because its automatic exemption for excess emissions during startup and shutdown is inconsistent with the Clean Air Act.

§ 52.1776 Visibility protection.

(a) Regional Haze. The requirements of section 169A of the Clean Air Act are not met because the regional haze plan submitted by North Carolina on December 17, 2007, does not include fully approvable measures for meeting the requirements of 40 CFR 51.308(d)(3) and 51.308(e) with respect to emissions of NOx and SO2 from electric generating
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§ 52.1781 Control strategy: Sulfur oxides and particulate matter.

(a) The plan's control strategy for particulate matter as outlined in the three-year variance for the coal-fired units of Duke Power Company and Carolina Power & Light Company from the particulate emission limits of Regulation 15 N.C.A.C. 2D.0503, with submittals on June 18, September 7, October 31, and December 14, 1979, by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, is disapproved only insofar that it provides an exemption for excess emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, and verified malfunction. (See §52.1770(c)(22).)

(b) The plan’s control strategy for particulate matter as contained in regulation 15 NCAC 2D.0536, which was submitted on January 24 and February 21, 1983, and on December 17, 1985, and became effective on August 1, 1987, is disapproved insofar as it provides annual opacity limits for the seven plants of Duke Power Company and for Plants Roxboro and Cape Fear of Carolina Power and Light Company.

(c) The plan’s control strategy for particulate matter as contained in revisions to 15 NCAC 2D.0536 submitted on January 24, 1983, February 21, 1983, and December 17, 1985, is disapproved as it applies to the Carolina Power and Light Asheville, Lee, Sutton and Weatherspoon Plants. These plants will continue to be subject to the particulate limits of 15 NCAC 2D.0503, contained in the original SIP, submitted on December 17, 1985, and became effective on August 1, 1987.