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hour ozone NAAQS, remains a covered area as follows: [RESERVED]

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**§ 80.71 Descriptions of VOC-control regions.**

(a) Reformulated gasoline covered areas which are located in the following States are included in VOC-Control Region 1:

Alabama	Missouri
Arizona	Nevada
Arkansas	New Mexico
California	North Carolina
Colorado	Oklahoma
District of Columbia	Oregon
Florida	South Carolina
Georgia	Tennessee
Kansas	Texas
Louisiana	Utah
Maryland	Virginia
Mississippi	

(b) Reformulated gasoline covered areas which are located in the following States are included in VOC-Control Region 2:

Connecticut	New Hampshire
Delaware	New Jersey
Idaho	New York
Illinois	North Dakota
Indiana	Ohio
Iowa	Pennsylvania
Kentucky	Rhode Island
Maine	South Dakota
Massachusetts	Vermont
Michigan	Washington
Minnesota	West Virginia
Montana	Wisconsin
Nebraska	Wyoming

(c) Reformulated gasoline covered areas which are partially in VOC Control Region 1 and partially in VOC Control Region 2 shall be included in VOC Control Region 1, except in the case of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton CMSA which shall be included in VOC Control Region 2.

**§ 80.72 Procedures for opting out of the covered areas.**

(a) In accordance with paragraph (b) of this section, the Administrator may approve a petition from a state asking

for removal of any opt-in area, or portion of an opt-in area, from inclusion as a covered area under § 80.70. If the Administrator approves a petition, he or she shall set an effective date as provided in paragraph (c) of this section. The Administrator shall notify the state in writing of the Agency's action on the petition and the effective date of the removal when the petition is approved.

(b) To be approved under paragraph (a) of this section, a petition must be signed by the Governor of a State, or his or her authorized representative, and must include the following:

(1) A geographic description of each opt-in area, or portion of each opt-in area, which is covered by the petition;

(2) A description of all ways in which reformulated gasoline is relied upon as a control measure in any approved State or local implementation plan or plan revision, or in any submission to the Agency containing any proposed plan or plan revision (and any associated request for redesignation) that is pending before the Agency when the petition is submitted; and

(3) For any opt-in areas covered by the petition for which reformulated gasoline is relied upon as a control measure as described under paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the petition shall include the following information:

(i) Identify whether the State is withdrawing any such pending plan submission;

(ii)(A) Identify whether the State intends to submit a revision to any such approved plan provision or pending plan submission that does not rely on reformulated gasoline as a control measure, and describe the alternative air quality measures, if any, that the State plans to use to replace reformulated gasoline as a control measure;

(B) A description of the current status of any proposed revision to any such approved plan provision or pending plan submission, as well as a projected schedule for submission of such proposed revision;

(iii) If the State is not withdrawing any such pending plan submission and does not intend to submit a revision to any such approved plan provision or pending plan submission, describe why no revision is necessary;

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(iv) If reformulated gasoline is relied upon in any pending plan submission, other than as a contingency measure consisting of a future opt-in, and the Agency has found such pending plan submission complete or made a protectiveness finding under 40 CFR 51.448 and 93.128, demonstrate whether the removal of the reformulated gasoline program will affect the completeness and/or protectiveness determinations;

(4) The Governor of a State, or his or her authorized representative, shall submit additional information upon request of the Administrator,

(c)(1) For opt-out petitions received on or before December 31, 1997, except as provided in paragraphs (c)(2) and (c)(3) of this section, the Administrator shall set an effective date for removal of an area under paragraph (a) of this section as requested by the Governor, but no less than 90 days from the Agency's written notification to the state approving the opt-out petition, and no later than December 31, 1999.

(2) For opt-out petitions received on or before December 31, 1997, except as provided in paragraph (c)(3) of this section, where RFG is contained as an element of any plan or plan revision that has been approved by the Agency, other than as a contingency measure consisting of a future opt-in, then the effective date under paragraph (a) of this section shall be the date requested by the Governor, but no less than 90 days from the effective date of Agency approval of a revision to the plan that removes RFG as a control measure.

(3)(i) The Administrator may extend the deadline for submitting opt-out petitions in paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section for a state if:

(A) The Governor or his authorized representative requests an extension prior to December 31, 1997;

(B) The request indicates that there is active or pending legislation before the state legislature that was introduced prior to March 28, 1997;

(C) The legislation is concerning opting out of or remaining in the reformulated gasoline program; and

(D) The request demonstrates that the legislation cannot reasonably be acted upon prior to December 31, 1997.

(ii) The Administrator may extend the deadline until no later than May

31, 1998. If the deadline is extended, then opt-out requests from that state received during the extension shall be considered under the provisions of paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section.

(4) For opt-out petitions received January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2003, except as provided in paragraph (c)(5) of this section, the Administrator shall set an effective date for removal of an area under paragraph (a) of this section as requested by the Governor but no earlier than January 1, 2004 or 90 days from the Agency's written notification to the state approving the opt-out petition, whichever date is later.

(5) For opt-out petitions received January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2003, where RFG is contained as an element of any plan or plan revision that has been approved by the Agency, other than as a contingency measure consisting of a future opt-in, then the effective date for removal of an area under paragraph (a) of this section shall be the date requested by the Governor, but no earlier than January 1, 2004, or 90 days from the effective date of Agency approval of a revision to the plan that removes RFG as a control measure, whichever date is later.

(6) For opt-out petitions received on or after January 1, 2004, except as provided in paragraph (c)(7) of this section, the Administrator shall set an effective date for removal of an area as requested by the Governor, but no less than 90 days from the Agency's written notification to the state approving the opt-out petition.

(7) For opt-out petitions received on or after January 1, 2004, where RFG is contained as an element of any plan or plan revision that has been approved by the Agency, other than as a contingency measure consisting of a future opt-in, then the effective date for removal of an area under paragraph (a) of this section shall be the date requested by the Governor, but no less than 90 days from the effective date of Agency approval of a revision to the plan that removes RFG as a control measure.

(d) The Administrator shall publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER announcing the approval of any petition

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under paragraph (a) of this section, and the effective date for removal.

[61 FR 35680, July 8, 1996, as amended at 62 FR 54558, Oct. 20, 1997]

### **§ 80.73 Inability to produce conforming gasoline in extraordinary circumstances.**

In appropriate extreme and unusual circumstances (*e.g.*, natural disaster or Act of God) which are clearly outside the control of the refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender and which could not have been avoided by the exercise of prudence, diligence, and due care, EPA may permit a refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender, for a brief period, to distribute gasoline which does not meet the requirements for reformulated gasoline, or does not contain the type(s) and amount(s) of oxygenate required under § 80.69(b)(1), if:

(a) It is in the public interest to do so (*e.g.*, distribution of the nonconforming gasoline is necessary to meet projected shortfalls which cannot otherwise be compensated for);

(b) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender exercised prudent planning and was not able to avoid the violation and has taken all reasonable steps to minimize the extent of the nonconformity;

(c) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender can show how the requirements for reformulated gasoline will be expeditiously achieved;

(d) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender agrees to make up air quality detriment associated with the nonconforming gasoline, where practicable; and

(e) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender pays to the U.S. Treasury an amount equal to the economic benefit of the nonconformity minus the amount expended, pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, in making up the air quality detriment.

[38 FR 1255, Jan. 10, 1973, as amended at 71 FR 26700, May 8, 2006]

### **§ 80.74 Recordkeeping requirements.**

All parties in the gasoline distribution network, as described in this section, shall maintain records containing the information as required in this section. These records shall be retained for a period of five years from the date

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of creation, and shall be delivered to the Administrator of EPA or to the Administrator's authorized representative upon request.

(a) *All regulated parties.* Any refiner, importer, oxygenate blender, carrier, distributor, reseller, retailer, or wholesale-purchaser who sells, offers for sale, dispenses, supplies, offers for supply, stores, transports, or causes the transportation of any reformulated gasoline or RBOB, shall maintain records containing the following information:

(1) The product transfer documentation for all reformulated gasoline or RBOB for which the party is the transferor or transferee; and

(2) For any sampling and testing on RBOB or reformulated gasoline:

(i) The location, date, time, and storage tank or truck identification for each sample collected;

(ii) The identification of the person who collected the sample and the person who performed the testing;

(iii) The results of the tests; and

(iv) The actions taken to stop the sale of any gasoline found not to be in compliance, and the actions taken to identify the cause of any noncompliance and prevent future instances of noncompliance.

(b) *Refiners and importers.* In addition to other requirements of this section, any refiner and importer shall, for all reformulated gasoline and RBOB produced or imported, maintain records containing the following information:

(1) Results of the tests to determine reformulated gasoline properties and characteristics specified in § 80.65;

(2) [Reserved]

(3) The volume of gasoline associated with each of the above test results using the method normally employed at the refinery or import facility for this purpose;

(4) In the case of RBOB:

(i) The results of tests to ensure that, following blending, RBOB meets applicable standards; and

(ii) Each contract with each oxygenate blender to whom the refiner or importer transfers RBOB; or

(iii) Compliance calculations described in § 80.69(a)(8) based on an assumed addition of oxygenate;

(5) In the case of any refinery or importer subject to the simple model