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EPA APPROVES CAIR SIP REVISIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA

EPA approved Pennsylvania's SIP revision for the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) [74 FR 65446] on December 10, 2009. Pennsylvania is meeting the CAIR requirements by participating in cap-and-trade programs for SO₂ and NO_x. The CAIR Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) is automatically withdrawn. Although the D.C. Circuit court found the EPA CAIR rule to be flawed, the rule was remanded without vacatur and remains in place. EPA is proceeding with CAIR rule revisions.

Other rules were modified with this approval, including:

- Termination of Pennsylvania's NO_x Budget Trading Program
- Statewide provisions for large, stationary internal combustion engines
- Statewide provisions for large cement kilns
- Provisions for small sources of NO_x in the PA portion of the Philadelphia 8-hr ozone nonattainment area; and
- Emission reduction credits.