Highlights of Final Rule for PM_{2.5} Increments, SILs, and SMC

Final Rule signed on Thursday, September 30, 2010

- Final Rule will become effective 60 days from date of publication in FR
- The <u>effective date</u> will codify the <u>SILs and SMC</u> in the federal PSD regulations at 40 CFR 52.21. States may adopt these screening tools, but they are not considered mandatory for state PSD programs.
- PM_{2.5} increments will become effective 1 year from date of publication in FR. Rules define "Trigger Date" as the date 1 year from publication in the FR. This is consistent with the statutory requirements for new increments adopted pursuant to section 166(a).
- States must revise SIPs within 21 months from promulgation to address new PM_{2.5} increments.
- No final action taken to revoke <u>PM₁₀ increments</u>; therefore, both the annual and 24-hour PM₁₀ increments remain in effect. {Note: The PM₁₀ increments are substitute increments for the statutory PM increments (TSP) defined in the CAA at section 163. Thus, we are not authorized to revoke the PM₁₀ increments, even though we have revoked the annual PM₁₀ NAAQS.}

PM_{2.5} increments:

Averaging Period	Class I µg/m³	Class II µg/m³	Class III µg/m³	NAAQS μg/m³
Annual	1	4	8	15
24-hour	2	9	18	35

• Major Source Baseline Date: October 14, 2010 (estim.)¹

Trigger Date: October 14, 2011 (estim.)¹

• Minor Source Baseline Date: Date of first complete PSD application after the Trigger Date.

Significant Impact Levels:²

Averaging Period	Class I μg/m³	Class II µg/m³	Class III µg/m³
Annual	0.06	0.3	0.3
24-hour	0.07	1.2	1.2

Significant Monitoring Concentration:

 $4 \mu g/m^3 PM_{2.5}$, 24-hour average

¹ Based on estimated FR publication date.

 $^{^2}$ Guidance is available for modeling source impacts against the SIL for PM $_{2.5}$. See 3-23-2010 memo from Steve Page.