

State of Rhode Island
Department of Environmental Management
Office of Air Resources

**In re: Proposed revisions to Air Pollution Control Regulation
No. 10 “Air Pollution Episodes”**

DECISION

Introduction

On September 11, 2018 a notice was posted on the websites of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM) and the Rhode Island Office of Secretary of State and was sent to interested parties announcing a public comment period to accept comments on the adoption of proposed revisions to Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 10, Air Pollution Episodes (250-RICR-120-05-10). The notice stated that a public hearing would be held if requested by twenty-five or more people, a governmental agency or subdivisions, or an association having not less than twenty-five members. No requests for a public hearing were received. The public comment period ended at 4:00 PM on October 11, 2018.

The proposed revisions to the rule reflect current RI Code of Regulations formatting requirements and current EPA limits for qualification of air pollutions episodes. Section 10.5(A)(2) through (5) of the rule have been amended to reflect the current EPA standards in 40 CFR Appendix L to Part 51. There are no new requirements being proposed.

A written comment was received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The following is the Office of Air Resources' response to the comment received:

Response to Comments

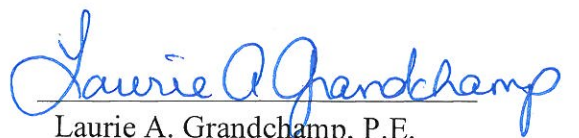
Comment: EPA has reviewed Rhode Island’s proposal and finds that the revised regulation and limits chosen for defining air pollution episodes are consistent with 40 CFR Appendix L to Part 51

Response: No response required.

Decision

It is the decision of the Department to adopt the proposed revisions to Air Pollution Control Regulation, 250-RICR-120-05-10, “Air Pollution Episodes” as proposed. The final amended regulations are appended to this Decision.

11/28/18
Date


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