

Region III Plan Summary
Maryland – Negative Declaration for the Automobile and Light-truck Assembly Coatings Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG)

Title: Maryland – Negative Declaration for the Automobile and Light-truck Assembly Coatings Control Techniques Guidelines

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EPA Effective date: January 1, 2016

State Submittal Date: June 25, 2015

Affected Area: State of Maryland

Background: Section 172 (c)(1) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) provides that SIPs for nonattainment areas must include reasonably available control measures (RACM), including reasonably available control technology (RACT), for sources of emissions. Section 182(b)(2)(A) provides that for certain ozone nonattainment areas, states must revise their SIP to include RACT for sources of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions covered by a CTG document issued after November 15, 1990 and prior to the area's date of attainment, EPA defines RACT as "the lowest emission limitation that a particular source is capable of meeting by the application of control technology that is reasonably available considering technological and economic feasibility." 44 FR53761 (September 17, 1979).

In 1977, EPA published a CTG for automobile and light-duty truck assembly coatings. After reviewing the 1977 CTG for this industry, conducting a review of currently existing state and local VOC emissions reduction approaches for this industry, and taking into account any information that has become available since then, EPA developed a new CTG entitled "Control Techniques Guidelines for Automobile and Light-duty Assembly Coatings".

States can follow the TG and adopt state regulations to implement the recommendations contained therein. Alternatively, states can adopt a negative declaration documenting that there are no sources or emitting facilities within the state to which the CTG is applicable. The negative declaration must go through the same public review process as any other SIP submittal.

Summary: Maryland submitted a SIP revision on June 25, 2015 concerning a negative declaration for the Automotive and Light-Duty Truck Assembly Coatings CTG. Maryland stated that the state previously had one source to which this CTG was applicable; however, the source had permanently shut down and dismantled all their equipment as of September 2005. EPA reviewed an inspection report provided by Maryland showing that the source had permanently shut down as well as completed an internet review of key searches for terms that were relevant to the Automotive and Light-Duty Truck Assembly Coatings CTG and confirmed that there are no sources or emitting facilities in the state to which this CTG would be applicable.

Final Action: EPA approved the Maryland SIP Revision concerning the negative declaration for the Automotive and Light-Duty Truck Assembly Coatings CTG, which was submitted on June 25, 2015 as a revision to the Maryland SIP in accordance with sections 172 (c), 182(b) and 183 (e) of the CAA.

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