

778; amended Pub. L. 95-623, §13(d), Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3458.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Part B of subchapter I of this chapter, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), was repealed by Pub. L. 101-549, title VI, §601, Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2648. See subchapter VI (§7671 et seq.) of this chapter.

#### CODIFICATION

Another section 317 of act July 14, 1955, is set out as a Short Title note under section 7401 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 95-623 substituted “section 7411” for “section 7411(b)”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Aug. 7, 1977, except as otherwise expressly provided, see section 406(d) of Pub. L. 95-95, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 7401 of this title.

### **§ 7618. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-549, title I, § 108(q), Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2469**

Section, act July 14, 1955, ch. 360, title III, §318, as added Aug. 7, 1977, Pub. L. 95-95, title III, §308, 91 Stat. 780, related to financial disclosure and conflicts of interest.

### **§ 7619. Air quality monitoring**

#### **(a) In general**

After notice and opportunity for public hearing, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations establishing an air quality monitoring system throughout the United States which—

- (1) utilizes uniform air quality monitoring criteria and methodology and measures such air quality according to a uniform air quality index,
- (2) provides for air quality monitoring stations in major urban areas and other appropriate areas throughout the United States to provide monitoring such as will supplement (but not duplicate) air quality monitoring carried out by the States required under any applicable implementation plan,
- (3) provides for daily analysis and reporting of air quality based upon such uniform air quality index, and
- (4) provides for recordkeeping with respect to such monitoring data and for periodic analysis and reporting to the general public by the Administrator with respect to air quality based upon such data.

The operation of such air quality monitoring system may be carried out by the Administrator or by such other departments, agencies, or entities of the Federal Government (including the National Weather Service) as the President may deem appropriate. Any air quality monitoring system required under any applicable implementation plan under section 7410 of this title shall, as soon as practicable following promulgation of regulations under this section, utilize the standard criteria and methodology, and measure air quality according to the standard index, established under such regulations.

#### **(b) Air quality monitoring data influenced by exceptional events**

##### **(1) Definition of exceptional event**

In this section:

#### **(A) In general**

The term “exceptional event” means an event that—

- (i) affects air quality;
- (ii) is not reasonably controllable or preventable;
- (iii) is an event caused by human activity that is unlikely to recur at a particular location or a natural event; and
- (iv) is determined by the Administrator through the process established in the regulations promulgated under paragraph (2) to be an exceptional event.

#### **(B) Exclusions**

In this subsection, the term “exceptional event” does not include—

- (i) stagnation of air masses or meteorological inversions;
- (ii) a meteorological event involving high temperatures or lack of precipitation; or
- (iii) air pollution relating to source non-compliance.

### **(2) Regulations**

#### **(A) Proposed regulations**

Not later than March 1, 2006, after consultation with Federal land managers and State air pollution control agencies, the Administrator shall publish in the Federal Register proposed regulations governing the review and handling of air quality monitoring data influenced by exceptional events.

#### **(B) Final regulations**

Not later than 1 year after the date on which the Administrator publishes proposed regulations under subparagraph (A), and after providing an opportunity for interested persons to make oral presentations of views, data, and arguments regarding the proposed regulations, the Administrator shall promulgate final regulations governing the review and handling or<sup>1</sup> air quality monitoring data influenced by an exceptional event that are consistent with paragraph (3).

### **(3) Principles and requirements**

#### **(A) Principles**

In promulgating regulations under this section, the Administrator shall follow—

- (i) the principle that protection of public health is the highest priority;
- (ii) the principle that timely information should be provided to the public in any case in which the air quality is unhealthy;
- (iii) the principle that all ambient air quality data should be included in a timely manner;<sup>2</sup> an appropriate Federal air quality database that is accessible to the public;
- (iv) the principle that each State must take necessary measures to safeguard public health regardless of the source of the air pollution; and
- (v) the principle that air quality data should be carefully screened to ensure that

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “of”.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by “in”.