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Area	Required Element	Effective Date and Type of Finding	Date of 2:1 Offset Sanction	Date of Highway Sanction	Status
San Francisco Bay Area	1999 Ozone SIP (1-Hour Standard)	10/22/2001 Limited Disapproval 4/24/2004 Sanctions stayed and deferred	04/22/2003 (stayed)	10/22/2003 (deferred)	Offset sanction stayed (and highway sanction deferred) by interim final determination on 07/16/03 . Effective on 4/24/2004 the interim final action stayed the offset sanction and deferred the highway sanction for as long as the area continues to attain the 1-hour ozone standard .
Sacramento Metropolitan (Ozone) Area except Sacramento County	Section 185 Ozone Fees (1-Hour Standard)	1/5/2010 Failure to Submit 5/18/2011 Sanctions deferred	7/5/2011 (deferred)	1/5/2012 (deferred)	Failure to Submit Section 185 fee SIP for 1-hour ozone, <u>except Sacramento County (Sacramento AQMD)</u> for which the SIP was submitted. “Severe” area. On 05/18/11, an interim final determination deferred sanctions (76 FR 28661) that was based on proposed termination determination (76 FR 28696) published the same day. The interim final determination was effective 05/18/11.
Southeast Desert (Ozone) Area	Ozone Fees	1/5/2010 Failure to Submit	7/5/2011	1/5/2012	Failure to Submit Section 185 fee SIP for 1-hour ozone. “Severe” area. SANCTIONS CLOCKS STOPPED per EPA letter.
San Joaquin Valley	NSR Rules (for PM2.5)	6/10/2010 Limited Disapproval 12/6/2011 Sanctions deferred	12/10/2011	6/10/2012	Limited approval/disapproval of NSR rule changes addressing Extreme ozone classification, agricultural permitting, and various other EPA requirements. Sanctions DEFERRED effective 12/6/11 based on Proposed Rule to approve revised NSR rules.

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Feather River AQMD (Yuba & Sutter Counties)	Rule 10.1 (NSR)	8/27/2011 Limited Disapproval 2/22/2013 Sanctions stayed & deferred 10/24/13 Final Limited Approval & Limited Disapproval	2/27/2013 (stayed) 4/24/15	8/27/2013 (deferred) 10/24/15	Limited approval/disapproval of NSR rule. Sanctions STAYED and DEFERRED effective 2/22/2013 based on Proposed Rule to approve a revised NSR rule with respect to 2011 issues that triggered sanctions. Because the proposed rule is a limited disapproval based on new issues, while fixing issues identified in 2011, this clock would terminate and a new sanctions clock would start if it is finalized. Final limited approval and limited disapproval published 9/24/13. A new sanctions clock is triggered.

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Placer County APCD	Rule 502 (NSR)	<p>8/26/2011 Limited Disapproval</p> <p>2/22/2013 Sanctions stayed & deferred</p> <p>10/24/13 Final Limited Approval & Limited Disapproval</p>	<p>2/26/2013 (stayed)</p> <p>4/24/15</p>	<p>8/26/2013 (deferred)</p> <p>10/24/15</p>	<p>Limited approval/disapproval of NSR rule.</p> <p>Sanctions STAYED and DEFERRED effective 2/22/2013 based on Proposed Rule to approve a revised NSR rule with respect to 2011 issues that triggered sanctions. Because the proposed rule is a limited disapproval based on new issues, while fixing issues identified in 2011, this clock would terminate and a new sanctions clock would start if it is finalized.</p> <p>Final limited approval and limited disapproval published 9/24/13. A new sanctions clock is triggered.</p>
Sacramento Metro AQMD	NSR Rule 214	<p>8/20/11 Limited Disapproval</p> <p>2/14/13 Sanctions stayed & deferred</p> <p>9/30/2013 Final Rule</p>	2/20/2013	8/20/2013	<p>Limited approval/disapproval of NSR Rule.</p> <p>Sanctions STAYED and DEFERRED effective 2/14/2013 based on Proposed Rule to approve revised Rule 214. Final Rule approving Rule 214 published 8/29/2013 is effective 9/30/2013 and terminates the sanctions clocks, but did not include specific language terminating sanctions so there may be some confusion.</p>

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San Joaquin Valley	PM2.5 SIP	1/9/2012 Partial Disapproval 8/28/2013 Sanctions Stayed & Deferred 5/23/14 Full Approval	7/9/2013 Lifted 6/23/14	1/9/2014 Terminated 6/23/14	Disapproval of contingency measures in PM2.5 SIP. All other aspects of the SIP were approved, including emission budgets, so a protective finding was made preventing conformity freeze. Sanctions STAYED and DEFERRED effective 8/28/2013 based on Proposed Rule to approve SIP revision with adequate contingency measures. Full approval published 5/22/14. <i>This item will be removed from the list for the next update.</i>
South Coast	PM2.5 SIP	1/9/2012 Partial Disapproval 6/24/2013 Sanctions Deferred 11/29/13 Final Approval	7/9/2013 Terminated 11/29/13	1/9/2014 Terminated 11/29/13	Disapproval of contingency measures in PM2.5 SIP. All other aspects of the SIP were approved, including emission budgets, so a protective finding was made preventing conformity freeze. Sanctions DEFERRED effective 6/24/2013 based on Proposed Rule to approve SIP revision with adequate contingency measures. Final approval published 10/29/13. <i>This item will be removed from the list for the next update.</i>

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San Joaquin Valley	1-hour & 8-hour Ozone SIP; VMT Offset provision	11/26/2012 Withdrawal of SIP Approval & Failure To Submit 5/19/14 Completeness Finding per EPA letter	5/26/2014 Terminated 5/19/14	11/26/2014 Terminated 5/19/14	Withdrawal of Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans and Findings of Failure To Submit Required Plans; 1-Hour and 8-Hour Ozone Extreme Area Plan Elements (including VMT Offset provisions). Triggered by lawsuit. Not a control strategy SIP disapproval triggering conformity freeze according to EPA. EPA Completeness finding terminates sanction clocks turned on in response to failure to submit findings. This item will be removed from the list for the next update.
South Coast	1- & 8-hour ozone VMT Offset Provisions	4/29/2013 Withdrawal of SIP approval & disapproval action 5/23/14 Interim Final Rule to Defer Sanctions	10/29/2014 Deferred 5/23/14	4/29/2015 Deferred 5/23/14	Withdrawal of previous approval and disapproval of VMT offset demonstration in 1- and 8-hour ozone SIPs. Triggered by lawsuit. Not a control strategy SIP disapproval triggering conformity freeze according to EPA (separate contact). Sanctions DEFERRED effective 5/23/2014 based on Proposed Rule to approve SIP revision to meet VMT offset requirement. Final approval will terminate sanctions.

See also FHWA's Sanctions Clock list at: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/highway_sanctions/sanctionslock.cfm
Shaded date cells indicate that sanctions clock has been stayed and/or deferred.

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Note: Imperial County fugitive dust sanctions were permanently terminated effective 5/22/2013 based on [final approval](#) of the revised dust rules on 4/22/2013. Discussion of that issue, which resulted in the first highway sanction application in California since before 2000, has been removed from the table because it is no longer active.