

I. Purpose

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is submitting this revision to the Louisiana State Implementation Plan (SIP) to remove the “Bubble Permit 1836T (M-1) as a result of LDEQ’s recent rescission of that permit effective March 12, 2007. On July 18, 1990, the Environmental Protection Agency approved the Alternative Emission Reduction Plan (“Bubble”) for the Union Carbide Corporation, Taft Plant as a revision to the Louisiana SIP (55 FR 29203). The LDEQ issued permit #1836T (M-1), on April 23, 1987 and revised the permit on May 5, 1990. The permit was incorporated by reference into the SIP at 40 CFR 52.970 (c)(55)(i)(a).

On March 12, 2007, the LDEQ rescinded the “Bubble” Permit 1836T (M-1) in response to Union Carbide Corporation’s request and notification that Tank 2635 is no longer in service. (See Appendix A) Because this action nullifies the action of the May 1990 SIP revision, LDEQ requests that the SIP be updated and revised to reflect the rescission of the permit.

II. Background

EPA issued the Emissions Trading Policy Statement and General Policies for Creation, Banking and Use of Emission Reduction Credits on December 4, 1986. (51 FR 43814) This policy statement allowed for the use of Bubble credits,