AIR QUALITY RELATED VALUES RESTORATION AND PROTECTION REGULATION: RELEVANT CLEAN AIR ACT PROVISIONS

Section 101(b) The purposes of this title are -

(1) to protect and enhance the quality of the Nation's air resources so as to promote public health and welfare and the productive capacity of its population.

Section 110(a)(2) Each implementation plan submitted by a State under this Act shall be adopted by the State after reasonable notice and public hearing. Each such plan shall—

(H) provide for revision of such plan-

(ii) ...whenever the Administrator finds on the basis of information available to the Administrator that the plan is substantially inadequate to attain the national ambient air quality standard which it implements or to otherwise comply with any additional requirements established under this Act.

(J) meet the applicable requirements of ...part C (relating to prevention of significant deterioration of air quality and visibility protection).

Section 110(k)(5) CALLS FOR PLAN REVISIONS.—Whenever the Administrator finds that the applicable implementation plan for any area is substantially inadequate to attain or maintain the relevant national ambient air quality standard, to mitigate adequately interstate pollutant transport described in section 176A or section 184, or to otherwise comply with any requirement of this Act, the Administrator shall require the State to revise the plan as necessary to correct such inadequacies. The Administrator shall notify the State of the inadequacies, and may establish reasonable deadlines (not to exceed 18 months after the date of such notice) for the submission of such plan revisions.

Section-160. The purposes of this part are as follows:

- (1) to protect public health and welfare from any actual or potential adverse effect which in the Administrator's judgment may reasonably be anticipated to occur from air pollution (or from exposures to pollutants in other media, which pollutants originate as emissions to the ambient air), notwithstanding the attainment and maintenance of all national ambient air quality standards;
- (2) To preserve, protect, and enhance the air quality in national parks, national wilderness areas, national monuments, national seashores, and other areas of special national or regional natural, recreational, scenic or historic value;
- (3) To insure that economic growth will occur in a manner consistent with preservation of existing clean air resources;

Section 161: In accordance with the policy of section 101(b)(1), each applicable implementation plan shall contain emission limitations and such other measures as may be necessary, as determined under regulations promulgated under this part, to prevent significant deterioration of air quality in each region (or portion thereof) designated pursuant to section 107 as attainment or unclassifiable.

Section 166(c). Such regulations shall provide specific numerical measures against which permit applications may be evaluated, a framework for stimulating improved control technology, protection of air quality values, and fulfill the goals and purposes set forth in section 101 and section 160.

Section 301(a)(1): The Administrator is authorized to prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry out his functions under this Act.