

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: EPA estimates the projected hour burden of the renewed information collection is an annual total of 16,630 hours. This annual total includes an estimated average annual reporting burden of 8,880 hours and an estimated average annual recordkeeping burden of 7,750 hours. The average annual reporting burden is calculated from an estimated average of 148 burden hours per response, a one-time only frequency of response, and an estimated 60 likely respondents. The average annual recordkeeping burden is calculated from an estimated average of 310 recordkeepers and an estimated 25 burden hours per recordkeeper. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources, complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: October 31, 1996.

Reynaldo Forte,

Acting Director, Stratospheric Protection Division.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for Solid Waste Disposal Facility Criteria

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Solid Waste Disposal Facility Criteria, RCRA Part 258, OMB Control Number; 2050-0122, expiring December 31, 1996. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1381.05

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Solid Waste Disposal Facility Criteria RCRA Part 258, (OMB Control Number; 2050-0122; EPA ICR No. 1381.05). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Under statutory authority found in RCRA Part 258, EPA established mandatory regulations (See 40 CFR Part 258) that established the criteria for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (MSWLFs) that co-dispose of sewage sludge and that receive ash from municipal waste combustion (MWC) facilities (including ash monofills). EPA believes these requirements mitigate potential hazards to human health and the environment from the potential mismanagement by owners or operators of MSWLFs. This information will be used by the State Director to confirm owner or operator compliance with the regulations under Part 258.

The Part 258 Criteria requires that information be recorded in the MSWLF operating record as it becomes available and that this information be retained by the owner or operator of each MSWLF unit and made available to the State upon request. The following information is requested: demonstrations that facilities meet the requirements for the "small" landfill exemption; any required location restriction demonstrations; training procedures, monitoring results, and demonstrations required by operating

requirements; demonstrations required under Subpart D—Design Criteria; any monitoring, testing, or analytical data required for groundwater monitoring and corrective action; closure and post-closure care plans and any monitoring, testing, or analytical data required by Sections 258.60 and 258.61; and any cost estimates and financial assurance documentation required under Subpart G—Financial Assurance Criteria.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The Federal Register Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 7/30/96 (61 FR 39641); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 85 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: 3500.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3500.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 297,800 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$12,667,314.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1381.05 and OMB Control No. 2050-0122 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory

Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 31, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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Acid Rain Program: Notice of Draft Written Exemptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of draft written exemptions.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is issuing draft written exemptions from Acid Rain permitting and monitoring requirements to 2 new utility units at 2 plants. Under the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR 72.7), utilities may petition EPA for an exemption from permitting and monitoring requirements for any new utility unit that serves one or more generators with a total nameplate capacity of 25 MW or less and burns only fuels with a sulfur content in excess of 0.05 percent or less by weight. Because the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments, the exemptions are also being issued as a direct final action in the notice of written exemptions published elsewhere in today's Federal Register.

DATES: Comments on the exemptions proposed by this action must be received on or before December 6, 1996 or 30 days after publication of a similar notice in a local newspaper, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: *Administrative Records.* The administrative record for the exemptions, except information protected as confidential, may be viewed during normal operating hours at EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

Comments. Send comments to: David Kee, Director, Air and Radiation Division, EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

Submit comments in duplicate and identify the exemption to which the comments apply, the commenter's name, address, and telephone number, and the commenter's interest in the matter and affiliation, if any, to the

owners and operators of the unit covered by the exemption.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Beth Valenziano, (312) 886-2703.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If no significant, adverse comments are timely received, no further activity is contemplated in relation to these draft written exemptions and the exemptions issued as a direct final action in the notice of written exemptions published elsewhere in today's Federal Register will automatically become final on the date specified in that notice. If significant, adverse comments are timely received on any exemption, that exemption in the notice of written exemptions will be withdrawn and all public comment received on that exemption based on the relevant exemption in this notice of draft written exemptions. Because the Agency will not institute a second comment period on this notice of draft written exemptions, any parties interested in commenting should do so during this comment period.

For further information and a detailed description of the exemptions, see the information provided in the notice of written exemptions elsewhere in today's Federal Register.

Dated: October 31, 1996.

Brian J. McLean,

Director, Acid Rain Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation.

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[FRL-5648-2]

Acid Rain Program: Notice of Written Exemptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of written exemptions.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is issuing, as a direct final action, written exemptions from the Acid Rain permitting and monitoring requirements to 2 utility units at 2 plants in accordance with the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR part 72). Because the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments, the exemptions are being issued as a direct final action.

DATES: Each of the exemptions issued in this direct final action will be final on December 16, 1996, or 40 days after publication of a similar notice in a local newspaper, whichever is later, unless significant, adverse comments are received by December 6, 1996 or 30

days after publication of a similar notice in a local newspaper, whichever is later. If significant, adverse comments are timely received on any exemption in this direct final action, that exemption will be withdrawn through a notice in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: *Administrative Records.*

The administrative record for the exemptions, except information protected as confidential, may be viewed during normal operating hours at EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

Comments. Send comments to David Kee, Director, Air and Radiation Division, EPA Region 5, (address above).

Submit comments in duplicate and identify the exemption to which the comments apply, the commenter's name, address, and telephone number, and the commenter's interest in the matter and affiliation, if any, to the owners and operators of the unit covered by the exemption.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Beth Valenziano, (312) 886-2703.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All public comment received on any exemption in this direct final action on which significant, adverse comments are timely received will be addressed in a subsequent issuance or denial of exemption based on the relevant draft exemption in the notice of draft written exemptions that is published elsewhere in today's Federal Register and that is identical to this direct final action.

Under the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR 72.7), utilities may petition EPA for an exemption from permitting and monitoring requirements for any new utility unit that serves one or more generators with total nameplate capacity of 25 MW or less and burns only fuels with a sulfur content of 0.05 percent or less by weight. On the earlier of the date a unit exempted under 40 CFR 72.7 burns any fuel with a sulfur content in excess of 0.05 percent by weight or 24 months prior to the date the exempted unit first serves one or more generators with total nameplate capacity in excess of 25 MW, the unit shall no longer be exempted under 40 CFR 72.7 and shall be subject to all permitting and monitoring requirements of the Acid Rain Program.

EPA is issuing written exemptions to the following new units, effective from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2001:

Beaver Island unit 8 in Michigan, owned and operated by Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative. The designated representative is Brian Warner.