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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5846-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for the 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance

AGENCY: Environment Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): The 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance, EPA ICR# 1816.01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, MC 4606. U.S. EPA 401 M. St., SW, Washington D.C. 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy by requesting EPA ICR# 1816.01.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrea Karpoff: 202-260-1899; FAX: (202) 260-0732; E-mail: korpoff.andrea@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected Entities: Entities affected by this action are States exercising primary enforcement responsibility for public water systems.

Title: The 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance, EPA ICR# 1816.01.

Section 1453 of the Safe Drinking Water Acts Amendments of 1996 authorizes State Source Water Assessment Programs (SWAPs) to achieve or maintain compliance with SDWA requirements and to protect public health.

Abstract: Section 1453(a)(3) of the Safe Drinking Water Act requires States to submit a Source Water Assessment Program within 18 months after the

guidance is issued, on or before August 6, 1997. These SWAPs describe the process by which a State delineates source Water Protection Areas, conducts contamination source inventories and susceptibility analyses, and indicates whether or not it plans to implement a Source Water Protection Program. A State must develop a SWAP with public participation.

Once a State program is approved by EPA, the State has two years to complete the source water assessments for the public water systems within their borders. Section 1453 (a)(4) allows a State to request an extension of up to 18 months to complete the assessments. The extension request must indicate the reason a State requires additional time and must include a description of how and when the State will complete the assessment within the requested extension period. The request must also include information on the progress in implementing the assessments by the end of the first 18 months.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection request 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 EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary 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: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2115 hours per State response. The annual cost burden is estimated to average \$70,000.00 per State response. These burden estimates are for both the SWAP proposal and for requested time extensions by States for completion of the assessments. The estimates are based on estimates by four

States of differing size populations and geographic location across the nation's regions. These States also vary by administrative structure for the Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs. 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 collection, 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: 49 States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 49 States.

Frequency of Response for each Individual Information Request: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 103,635 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden: \$3,433,136.

Dated: June 12, 1997.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5846-1]

Acid Rain Program: Draft Permits and Permit Modifications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of draft permits and permit modifications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing for comment draft Phase I Acid Rain permits and permit modifications including nitrogen oxides (NO_x) compliance plans in accordance with the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR parts 72 and 76). Because the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments, the permits and permit modifications are also being issued as a direct final action in the notice of permits and permit

modifications published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**.

DATES: Comments on the draft permits and permit modifications must be received no later than July 24, 1997 or 30 days after the date of publication of a similar document in a local newspaper, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: *Administrative Records.* The administrative record for the permits, except information protected as confidential, may be viewed during normal operating hours at the following locations: for plants in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, EPA Region 3, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA, 19107; for plants in Indiana and Ohio, EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL, 60604; for plants in Oklahoma and Texas, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas TX, 75202; for plants in Arizona and Nevada, EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne St. (A-3-1), San Francisco, CA, 94105.

Comments. Send comments, requests for public hearings, and requests to receive notices of future actions to: for plants in Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, EPA Region 3, Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, Attn: Linda Miller (address above); for plants in Indiana and Ohio, EPA Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, Attn: Cecilia Mijares (address above); for plants in Oklahoma and Texas, EPA Region 6, Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division, Attn: Joseph Winkler (address above); for plants in Arizona and Nevada, Air and Toxics Division, Attn: Roger Kohn, (address above). Submit comments in duplicate and identify the permit 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 all units in the plan. All timely comments will be considered, except those pertaining to standard provisions under 40 CFR 72.9 or issues not relevant to the permit or the permit modification.

Hearings. To request a public hearing, state the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. EPA may schedule a hearing if EPA finds that it will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues affecting a NO_x compliance plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For plants in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, call Linda Miller (215) 566-2068; for plants in Indiana and Ohio, call Cecilia Mijares (312) 886-0968; for plants in Oklahoma and Texas, call Joseph Winkler, (214) 665-7243; for plants in Arizona and Nevada, call Roger Kohn, (415) 744-1238.

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

For further information and a detailed description of the permits and permit modifications, see the information provided in the notice of permits and permit modifications elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 17, 1997.

Brian J. McLean,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5846-2]

Acid Rain Program: Permits and Permit Modifications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of permits and permit modifications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing, as a direct final action, Phase I Acid Rain permits and permit modifications including nitrogen oxides (NO_x) compliance plans in accordance with the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR parts 72 and 76). Because the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments, the exemptions are being issued as a direct final action.

DATES: The permits and permit modifications issued in this direct final action will be final on August 4, 1997 or 40 days after publication of a similar document in a local publication, whichever is later, unless significant, adverse comments are received by July 24, 1997 or 30 days after publication of a similar document in a local publication, whichever is later. If significant, adverse comments are timely received on any permit or permit modification in this direct final action, that permit or permit modification will be withdrawn through a document in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: *Administrative Records.* The administrative record for the permits, except information protected as confidential, may be viewed during normal operating hours at the following locations: for plants in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, EPA Region 3, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA, 19107; for plants in Indiana and Ohio, EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL, 60604; for plants in Oklahoma and Texas, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas TX, 75202; for plants in Arizona and Nevada, EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne St. (A-3-1), San Francisco, CA, 94105.

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