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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2612-005, Maine]

Central Maine Power Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

February 4, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for relicensing of the Flagstaff Project, located in Somerset and Franklin Counties, Maine, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. On December 17, 1997, the Commission staff issued and distributed to all parties a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) on the project, and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 30 days. Comments were filed and are addressed in the FEA. The FEA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the existing project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Final Decision To Grant Waste Management of Ohio, Inc. a Modification of an Exemption From the Land Disposal Restrictions of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 Regarding Injection of Hazardous Wastes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of final decision on a request to modify an exemption from the hazardous and solid waste amendments of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA or Agency) that modification of an exemption to the land disposal restrictions under the 1984 Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) has been granted to Waste Management of Ohio, Inc. (WMO) of Oakbrook, Illinois. This modification allows WMO to inject two (2) RCRA-regulated hazardous wastes which will be banned from land disposal on November 4, 1998, as a result of regulations promulgated in the **Federal Register** (FR) on May 4, 1998 (63 FR 24596) and subsequently corrected on June 29, 1998 (63 FR 35147), into four Class I injection wells at the Vickery, Ohio facility. As required by 40 CFR Part 148, WMO has demonstrated, to a reasonable degree of certainty, that there will be no migration of hazardous constituents from the injection zone utilized by WMO's waste disposal facility located near Vickery, Ohio, for as long as the newly exempted waste remains hazardous. This decision constitutes a final Agency action for which there is no administrative appeal.

BACKGROUND: Chemical Waste Management (CWM), the parent company of WMO, submitted a petition for an exemption from the restrictions on land disposal of hazardous wastes on January 19, 1988. Revised documents were received on December 4, 1989, and several supplemental submittals were subsequently made. The exemption was granted on August 7, 1990. On September 12, 1994, CWM submitted a petition to modify the exemption to include wastes bearing 23 additional RCRA wastes codes. Region 5 reviewed documents supporting the request and granted the modification of the exemption on May 16, 1995. A notice of the modification appeared on June 5,

1995, at 60 FR 29592 et seq. On April 9, 1996, CWM submitted a petition to again modify the exemption to allow 91 additional RCRA waste codes. Region 5 reviewed documents supporting the request and granted the modification on the exemption on June 24, 1996. A notice of the modification appeared on July 15, 1996, at 61 FR 36880 et seq. Again on May 13, 1997, CWM submitted a request to add 11 waste codes to the list. Region 5 reviewed the evidence submitted by CWM and granted the request. Notice of the approval appeared on August 12, 1997 (63 FR 43109).

On August 28, 1998, in response to the Land Disposal Restrictions Rule published in the **Federal Register** at 63 FR 24596 et seq. on May 4, 1998, which set a ban date of November 4, 1998, for a number of hazardous waste codes, WMO submitted a request to add two (2) additional RCRA waste codes, K140 and U408, to its exemption. The diffusion rate of the underlying chemical, 2,4,6-Tribromophenol (2,4,6-TBP), represented by the codes to be banned has not yet been considered by Region 5. Therefore, WMO has submitted information demonstrating that 2,4,6-TBP will not diffuse so rapidly as the chloride ion.

The newly-promulgated rule bans codes K140 and U408 from deep injection after November 4, 1998, unless WMO makes a no-migration demonstration. WMO made a no-migration demonstration in 1990. After careful review of the material submitted, the USEPA has determined, as required by 40 CFR 148.20(f), that there is a reasonable degree of certainty that waste streams containing 2,4,6-TBP will behave hydraulically and chemically like wastes for which WMO was granted its original exemption and will not migrate from the injection zone in hazardous concentrations within 10,000 years. The injection zone is the Mt. Simon Sandstone and the Rome, Conasauga, Kerbel, and Knox Formations. The confining zone is comprised of the Wells Creek and Black River Formations.

As a result of this action, WMO may continue to inject wastes bearing the codes K140 and U408 after wastes denoted by these codes are banned from land disposal on November 4, 1998. These waste codes are added to the waste codes which have been previously exempted. The current listing of all codes approved for injection follows.

LIST OF APPROVED RCRA WASTE CODES FOR INJECTION

D001	F009	K033	K112	P022	P082	P204	U052	U107	U158	U214	U386
D002	F010	K034	K113	P023	P084	P205	U053	U108	U159	U215	U387
D003	F011	K035	K114	P024	P085	U001	U055	U109	U160	U216	U389
D004	F012	K036	K115	P026	P087	U002	U056	U110	U161	U217	U390
D005	F019	K037	K116	P027	P088	U003	U057	U111	U162	U218	U391
D006	F020	K038	K117	P028	P089	U004	U058	U112	U163	U219	U392
D007	F021	K039	K118	P029	P092	U005	U059	U113	U164	U220	U393
D008	F022	K040	K123	P030	P093	U006	U060	U114	U165	U221	U394
D009	F023	K041	K124	P031	P094	U007	U061	U115	U166	U222	U395
D010	F024	K042	K125	P033	P095	U008	U062	U116	U167	U223	U396
D011	F025	K043	K126	P034	P096	U009	U063	U117	U168	U225	U400
D012	F026	K044	K131	P036	P097	U010	U064	U118	U169	U226	U401
D013	F027	K045	K132	P037	P098	U011	U066	U119	U170	U227	U402
D014	F028	K046	K136	P038	P099	U012	U067	U120	U171	U228	U403
D015	F032	K047	K140	P039	P101	U014	U068	U121	U172	U234	U404
D016	F034	K048	K141	P040	P102	U015	U069	U122	U173	U235	U407
D017	F035	K049	K142	P041	P103	U016	U070	U123	U174	U236	U408
D018	F037	K050	K143	P042	P104	U017	U071	U124	U176	U237	U409
D019	F038	K051	K144	P043	P105	U018	U072	U125	U177	U238	U410
D020	F039	K052	K145	P044	P106	U019	U073	U126	U178	U239	U411
D021	K001	K060	K147	P045	P108	U020	U074	U127	U179	U240	
D022	K002	K061	K148	P046	P109	U021	U075	U128	U180	U243	
D023	K003	K062	K149	P047	P110	U022	U076	U129	U181	U244	
D024	K004	K069	K150	P048	P111	U023	U077	U130	U182	U246	
D025	K005	K071	K151	P049	P112	U024	U078	U131	U183	U247	
D026	K006	K073	K156	P050	P113	U025	U079	U132	U184	U248	
D027	K007	K083	K157	P051	P114	U026	U080	U133	U185	U249	
D028	K008	K084	K158	P054	P115	U027	U081	U134	U186	U271	
D029	K009	K085	K159	P056	P116	U028	U082	U135	U187	U277	
D030	K010	K086	K160	P057	P118	U029	U083	U136	U188	U278	
D031	K011	K087	K161	P058	P119	U030	U084	U137	U189	U279	
D032	K013	K088	P001	P059	P120	U031	U085	U138	U190	U280	
D033	K014	K093	P002	P060	P121	U032	U086	U139	U191	U328	
D034	K015	K094	P003	P062	P122	U033	U087	U140	U192	U353	
D035	K016	K095	P004	P063	P123	U034	U088	U141	U193	U359	
D036	K017	K096	P005	P064	P127	U035	U089	U142	U194	U364	
D037	K018	K097	P006	P065	P128	U036	U090	U143	U196	U365	
D038	K019	K098	P007	P066	P185	U037	U091	U144	U197	U366	
D039	K020	K099	P008	P067	P188	U038	U092	U145	U200	U367	
D040	K021	K100	P009	P068	P189	U039	U093	U146	U201	U372	
D041	K022	K101	P010	P069	P190	U041	U094	U147	U202	U373	
D042	K023	K102	P011	P070	P191	U042	U095	U148	U203	U375	
D043	K024	K103	P012	P071	P192	U043	U096	U149	U204	U376	
F001	K025	K104	P013	P072	P194	U044	U097	U150	U205	U377	
F002	K026	K105	P014	P073	P196	U045	U098	U151	U206	U378	
F003	K027	K106	P015	P074	P197	U046	U099	U152	U207	U379	
F004	K028	K107	P016	P075	P198	U047	U101	U153	U208	U381	
F005	K029	K108	P017	P076	P199	U048	U102	U154	U209	U382	
F006	K030	K109	P018	P077	P201	U049	U103	U155	U210	U383	
F007	K031	K110	P020	P078	P202	U050	U105	U156	U211	U384	
F008	K032	K111	P021	P081	P203	U051	U106	U157	U213	U385	

CONDITIONS: General conditions of this exemption are found at 40 CFR Part 148. The exemption granted to WMO on August 7, 1990, included a number of specific conditions. Conditions numbered (1), (2), (3), (4), and (9) remain in force. Monitoring under condition 5, which called for construction and operation of a deep monitoring well, will continue through the life of the facility. Conditions numbered (5), (6), (7), and (8) have been satisfied. The results of the work carried out under these conditions confirms that the model used to simulate fluid movement within the injection zone for the next 10,000 years is valid and

results of the simulation bound the region of the injection zone within which the waste will be contained.

DATES: This action is effective as of January 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harlan Gerrish, Lead Petition Reviewer, USEPA, Region 5, telephone (312) 886-2939. Copies of the petition and all pertinent information relating thereto are on file and are part of the Administrative Record. It is recommended that you contact the lead

reviewer prior to reviewing the Administrative record.

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Gulf of Mexico Program Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).