

385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice Rescheduling Informal Settlement Conference

August 22, 1995.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 1995, in this proceeding is rescheduled for Thursday, September 14, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced proceeding. The conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 810 First Street NE., Washington, DC.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations. See 18 CFR 385.214.

For additional information, please contact Warren C. Wood at (202) 208-2091 or Donald A. Heydt at (202) 208-0740.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5285-2]

Acid Rain Program: Notice of Exception to Regulations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of exception to regulations (40 CFR Part 72).

SUMMARY: Title IV of the Clean Air Act authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish the Acid Rain Program. During Phase I (1995-1999) of the program, units subject to sulfur dioxide emissions limitations are required to account for any emissions resulting from reduced utilization of the units and shifting of electric generation from the units to other units or generators. Each unit is included in a dispatch system, and the accounting for reduced utilization is conducted on a dispatch-system basis. Under § 72.33(b), a unit may submit an identification of dispatch system, i.e., a request to establish a given group of units as a dispatch system. The regulation requires the submission to be made by January 30 of the first year for which the dispatch system is to be used for reduced utilization accounting.

The Agency hereby gives notice that on May 3, 1995, Midwest Power System, Inc. submitted an identification of dispatch system to take effect starting in 1995 and a request for an exception to the January 30 submission deadline. By letter dated May 31, 1995, the Agency granted the request and accepted the identification of dispatch system. The May 31, 1995 letter sets forth the basis for granting the request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Deneen, at (202) 233-9089, Acid Rain Division (6204J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460; Dwight C. Alpern, Attorney-advisor, at (202) 233-9151 (same address); or the Acid Rain Hotline at (202) 233-9620.

Dated: August 17, 1995.

Brian J. McLean,

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

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A Public Meeting on Streamlining Promulgation of Analytical Methods at 40 CFR Part 136 and Workshop on Trace Metals Analysis

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Science and Technology within EPA's Office of Water is conducting a public meeting on approaches to streamlining the proposal and promulgation of analytical methods

at 40 CFR Part 136 under Section 304(h) of the Clean Water Act; and the Office of Water is also sponsoring a workshop to aid attendees in resolving the problems associated with the sampling and analysis of trace metals, including the difficulty in precluding contamination.

DATES: EPA will conduct the Trace Metals Workshop on Wednesday, September 27, 1995; and the public meeting on Streamlining will be held the following day on Thursday, September 28, 1995. Workshop Registration will begin at 10:00 am. The workshop will be conducted from 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The Public meeting will be held from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. A specific agenda for the public meeting will be published in an upcoming notice.

ADDRESSES: The Trace Metals Workshop will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Seattle, Seattle, Washington. The public meeting on Streamlining will be held at the Federal Building in Seattle, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Meeting arrangements are being coordinated by DynCorp EENSP. For information on registration contact Cindy Simbanin, 300 N. Lee Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: (703) 519-1386. Facsimile number: (703) 684-0610. Space is limited and reservations are being taken on a first come, first served basis. No fees will be charged to attend.

Hotel reservations may be made by contacting the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Seattle at (800) 521-2762. Guest rates are \$83 single and \$106 double occupancy, including tax. Reservations must be made by 9/08/95, and you must specify that you are attending the EPA Workshop to qualify for the group rate. Accommodations are limited, so please make your reservations early.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USEPA Office of Water's interest in trace metals determinations has been driven by the development of ambient water quality criteria (WQC) in response to Congressional mandates in the 1987 Water Quality Act. Ambient water quality criteria require determinations of metals at levels significantly lower than those required by technology-based effluent limits or achievable by routine environmental laboratory analyses.

The Office of Water's purpose in sponsoring this workshop is to assist State and Regional authorities, regulated community, and commercial laboratories in understanding the requirements and techniques necessary to determine trace metals at EPA's ambient WQC levels. This workshop

will focus on sampling and analysis techniques, data review, and quality assurance measures necessary to support reliable trace metals measurements for data gathering and compliance monitoring purposes.

The objective of the public meeting on Streamlining is to outline plans for method flexibility and for streamlining proposal and promulgation of new methods at 40 CFR Part 136 under Section 304(h) of the Clean Water Act.

EPA has promulgated analytical methods at 40 CFR Part 136 as needed to support monitoring under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Methods approved for use at 40 CFR Part 136 have been developed by EPA, by industrial associations, and by other government agencies. In the past, the methods proposal and promulgation process has been cumbersome, and has by design limited the contribution of emerging analytical technologies.

In response to the Administration's Environmental Technology Initiative, EPA desires to increase method flexibility in existing methods and to streamline the proposal and promulgation of new methods to take advantage of these emerging technologies.

The Subjects to be discussed at the meeting are: (1) Flexibility—unlimited, limited, and none, and the advantages of each, (2) standardization of quality control to support determination of method equivalency, (3) streamlined proposal and promulgation of new methods to take advantage of emerging analytical technologies, (4) harmonization of wastewater methods with other Agency methods to allow standardization of methods, and (5) standardized data elements for reporting to allow access to Agency databases in a standardized data format.

Dated: August 23, 1995.

James Hanlon,

Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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[FRL-5286-5]

Availability of State Deferral Guidance and Response to Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Agency is informing the public of the availability of two documents concerning the newly established Superfund State deferral

program: "Guidance on Deferral of NPL Listing Determinations While States Oversee Response Actions" (OSWER Directive 9375.6-11), issued on May 3, 1995; and "Response to Comments on the 1988 Proposed NCP Deferral Policy Concept" (OSWER Directive 9375.6-11A), issued on May 3, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The guidance (Order Number PB95-963223) and response to comments (Order Number PB95-963225) are available for \$17.50 each (plus shipping and handling) through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. For further information or to order documents by phone, call 703-487-4650 for Regular Service, or 800-553-NTIS for Rush Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The preamble to the 1988 proposed National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) announced that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was considering expanding the existing policy of deferring sites from inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL). The Agency requested and received public comments on its proposal to defer sites to other Federal authorities, States, and/or potentially responsible parties (PRPs). The 1990 preamble to the final NCP stated that EPA would not decide the deferral policy issue at that time, but that should the Agency "decide in the future to consider establishing an expansion to deferral policies," it would respond then to the comments received (*See* 54 FR 8667, Mar. 8, 1990).

B. Summary of Guidance Document

Based on the EPA June 23, 1993, "Superfund Administrative Improvements Final Report" (OSWER Directive 9200.0-14-2), EPA established an initiative to "Enhance State Role." Under this initiative, the Agency developed a guidance on deferring consideration of certain sites for listing on the NPL, while interested States, Territories, Commonwealths, or federally-recognized Indian Tribes compel and oversee response actions conducted and funded by PRPs. This "Guidance on Deferral of NPL Listing Determinations While States Oversee Response Actions" is now complete and is being issued under the 1995 Superfund Administrative Reforms (February 13, 1995, Elliott Laws and Steven Herman memorandum, "Announcement of Superfund Administrative Reforms").

The guidance document has several components to ensure that responses are protective of human health and the environment, and foster public involvement while balancing competing needs for flexibility and accountability. The guidance is divided into sections which address: criteria applicants should meet to participate in the program; criteria for determining which sites are eligible for deferral; provisions for cleanup levels to be achieved at deferred sites; procedural requirements; and provisions for EPA oversight, financial assistance, community participation, and response completion or termination. A "question and answer" appendix supplements the guidance. Under the deferral program:

- NPL caliber sites may be deferred to States or Tribes for response actions that will be conducted under State or Tribal authority (Federal facilities or sites listed on the NPL are not eligible for deferral);
- response actions generally will be conducted by viable, cooperative PRPs with State or Tribal oversight;
- response actions must be protective of human health and the environment and meet State or Tribal and Federal applicable requirements;
- a site may not be deferred if the affected community has significant, valid objections;
- the level of EPA oversight of State actions at deferred sites will be minimal; and
- once a deferral response is complete, the site will be removed from CERCLIS and EPA will have no further interest in considering the site for the NPL unless it receives new information of a release or potential release that poses a significant threat to human health or the environment.

C. Summary of Response Document

The "Response to Comments on the 1988 Proposed NCP Deferral Policy Concept" fulfills the Agency's commitment to respond to the comments EPA received regarding the deferral policy concept introduced in the 1988 proposed NCP. The response addresses the 1988 proposal to defer sites to State authorities and does not consider proposed deferral policies to other authorities or PRPs which are not addressed by the guidance. Major comments are summarized by subject, and responses reflect EPA policy presented in the guidance.