

to State and Local Governments'' includes the management requirements for these potential grantees. These regulations include only those provisions mandated by statute, required by OMB Circulars or added by EPA to ensure sound and effective financial assistance management. This SF-83 combines all of these requirements under OMB Control Number 2030-0020. The information required by these regulations will be used by the EPA award official to make assistance awards, to make assistance payments, and to verify that the recipient is using Federal funds appropriately to comply with OMB Circulars. 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.

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 record keeping burden for this collection is estimated to average 32 hours per application. The estimated annual number of respondents is approximated 4,474. The estimated total burden hours on respondents: 143,168. The frequency of collection: as required.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed above.

Dated: March 14, 1996.

Gary M. Katz,

Director, Grants Administration 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing draft written exemptions from Acid Rain permitting and monitoring requirements to 11 utility units at 5 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 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 April 22, 1996 or 30 days after publication of a similar notice in a local newspaper.

ADDRESSES: *Administrative Records.* The administrative record for the exemptions, except information protected as confidential, may be viewed during normal operating hours at the following locations: For plants in New York: EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866; for plants in Texas: EPA Region 6, First Interstate Bank Tower, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX, 75202-2733; and for plants in Kansas and Missouri: EPA Region 7, 726 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS, 66101.

Comments. Send comments to: For plants in New York, Conrad Simon, Director, Air and Waste Management Division, EPA Region 2, (address above); for plants in Texas, Samuel Coleman, P.E., Director, Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division, EPA Region 6, (address above); and for plants in Kansas and Missouri, William Spratlin, Director, Air and Toxics Division, EPA Region 7, (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: For plants in New York, Gerry DeGaetano, 212-637-4020; for plants in Texas, Dan Meyer, 214-665-7233, and for plants in Kansas and Missouri, Lisa Hanlon, 913-551-7599.

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: March 19, 1996.

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

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Acid Rain Program: Notice of Direct Final Written Exemptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of written exemptions.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing, as a direct final action, written exemptions from the Acid Rain permitting and monitoring requirements to 11 utility units at 5 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 May 1, 1996 or 40 days after publication of a similar notice in a local newspaper, whichever is later, unless significant, adverse comments are received by April 22, 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.