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Respondents/Affected Entities:

Contractors seeking business with EPA.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,731.

Frequency of Response: One response per bid or proposal.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 399,342 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$20,770,435.

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. 1038.09 and OMB Control No 2030-0007 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: January 29, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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Acid Rain Program: Notice of 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 2 utility

units in accordance with the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR part 72). Because the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments, these exemptions are being issued as direct final actions.

DATES: The exemptions issued in this direct final action will be final on March 17, 1997, or 40 days after publication of a similar notice in a local newspaper, whichever is later, unless significant, adverse comments are received by March 6, 1997 or 30 days after publication of a similar notice in a local newspaper, whichever is later. If significant, adverse comments are timely received on an exemption in this direct final action, the exemption will be withdrawn through a notice in the Federal Register.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 commenter's name, address, 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 Cecilia Mijares, (312) 886-0968.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All public comment received on the exemptions in this direct final action in 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:

Oberlin Municipal Light and Power System unit 4 in Ohio, owned and operated by the City of Oberlin.

Village of Prospect unit Prospect 1 in Ohio, owned and operated by Prospect Municipal Electric Department.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

Brian J. McLean,

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

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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 2 new utility units. 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 of 0.05 percent or less by weight. Because the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments, the exemptions are being issued as direct final actions 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 March 6, 1997 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.