

magnetic tape coating facilities cause or contribute to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. Owners/operators of magnetic tape coating facilities must notify EPA of construction, modification, startups, shut downs, date and results of initial performance test and provide semiannual reports of excess emissions.

In order to ensure compliance with the standards promulgated to protect public health, adequate reporting and recordkeeping is necessary. In the absence of such information enforcement personnel would be unable to determine whether the standards are being met on a continuous basis, as required by the Clean Air Act.

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 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 5, 1997 and no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3982.2 hours. 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 collecting, 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: Magnetic Tape Manufacturing.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14.

Frequency of Response: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 3982.2 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$139,377.

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. 1135.06 and OMB Control No. 2060-0171 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: June 4, 1997.

Richard Westlund,

Acting Division Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5838-5]

Acid Rain Program: Notice of Draft Written Exemptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of draft written exemptions.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is issuing draft written exemptions from Acid Rain permitting and monitoring requirements to 2 utility units at 2 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 July 10, 1997 or 30 days after publication of a similar document 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 location: U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

Comments. Send comments to: David Kee, Director, Air and Radiation Division (AT18J) (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: Cecilia Mijares, U.S. EPA Region 5, (312) 886-0968.

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 document. If significant, adverse comments are timely received on any exemption, that exemption in the notice of written exemptions will be withdrawn. 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: May 21, 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-5838-4]

Acid Rain Program: Notice of Direct Final Written Exemptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of written exemptions.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is issuing, as a direct final action, written exemptions from the Acid Rain permitting and monitoring requirements to 2 utility units at 2 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 July 21, 1997 or 40 days after publication of a similar document in a local newspaper, whichever is later,