

process by clarifying significant issues affecting a NO<sub>x</sub> compliance plan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jenny Jachim, EPA Region 4, (404) 562-9126.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If no adverse comments are timely received, no further activity is contemplated in relation to these draft permit modifications and the permit modifications issued as a direct final action in the notice of permit modifications published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register** will automatically become final on the date specified in that notice. If adverse comments are timely received on any permit modification, that permit modification in the notice of permit modifications will be withdrawn and public comment received on that permit modification based on this notice of draft permit modifications will be addressed in a subsequent notice of permit modifications. Because the Agency will not institute a second comment period on this notice of draft permit modifications, any parties interested in commenting should do so during this comment period.

For further information and a detailed description of the permit modifications, see the information provided in the notice of permit modifications elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6412-3]

### Acid Rain Program: Permit Modifications

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modifications.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing, as a direct final action, Phase I Acid Rain permit modifications that include nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) compliance plans in accordance with the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR parts 72 and 76). Because the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments, the permit modifications are being issued as a direct final action.

**DATES:** The permit modifications issued in this direct final action will be final

on September 13, 1999 unless adverse comments are received by September 2, 1999. If adverse comments are timely received on any permit modification in this direct final action, that permit modification will be withdrawn through a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** *Administrative Records.*

The administrative record for the permits, except information protected as confidential, may be viewed during normal operating hours at the following location: EPA Region 4, 61 Forsyth St., SW, Atlanta, GA, 30303.

*Comments.* Send comments, requests for public hearings, and requests to receive notice of future actions to EPA Region 4, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Attn: Jenny Jachim (address above). Submit comments in duplicate and identify the permit 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 all units in the plan. All timely comments will be considered, except those pertaining to standard provisions under 40 CFR 72.9 or issues not relevant to the permit.

*Hearings.* To request a public hearing, state the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. EPA may schedule a hearing if EPA finds that it will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues affecting a NO<sub>x</sub> compliance plan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jenny Jachim, EPA Region 4, (404) 562-9126.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title IV of the Clean Air Act directs EPA to establish a program to reduce the adverse effects of acidic deposition by promulgating rules and issuing permits to emission sources subject to the program. In today's action, EPA is issuing permit modifications that include approval of early election plans for NO<sub>x</sub>. The units that are included in the early election plans will be required to meet an actual annual average emissions rate for NO<sub>x</sub> of either 0.45 lbs/MMBtu for tangentially-fired boilers or 0.50 lbs/mmBtu for dry bottom wall-fired boilers beginning on January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2007, after which they will be required to meet the applicable Phase II Group 1 emissions limitation for NO<sub>x</sub>.

The designated representative submitted complete NO<sub>x</sub> early election plans under 40 CFR 76.8(c) to EPA prior to January 1, 1997 as required under 40 CFR 76.8(b). However, through an administrative oversight, EPA failed to review the plans and modify the Phase

I permits. Since the units covered by the plans have been in compliance with all applicable requirements under 40 CFR 76.8, including compliance with the Phase I Group 1 limits below beginning in 1997, EPA approves the plans with effective dates beginning retroactively on January 1, 1997.

The following is a list of units included in the permit modifications and the limits that they are required to meet:

H.L. Spurlock unit 2 in Kentucky: 0.45 lbs/mmBtu. The designated representative is Robert E. Hughes, Jr.

W.C. Dale units 3 and 4 in Kentucky: 0.50 lbs/mmBtu. The designated representative is Robert E. Hughes, Jr.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6411-6; Docket No. A-99-24]

### Petition To Delist Ethylene Glycol Butyl Ether From the List of Hazardous Air Pollutants

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of a complete petition.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the receipt of a complete petition from the Chemical Manufacturers Association's (CMA's) Ethylene Glycol Ethers Panel requesting EPA to remove the chemical ethylene glycol butyl ether (EGBE) (CAS No. 111-76-2) from the list of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) contained in section 112(b)(1) of the 1990 Clean Air Act (Act). We have determined that the CMA's original petition dated August 29, 1997 and the supplemental materials provided by CMA through December 21, 1998 will support an assessment of the human health impacts associated with people living in the vicinity of facilities emitting EGBE. In addition, the data submitted by CMA will support an assessment of the environmental impacts associated with emissions of EGBE to the ambient air and deposited onto soil or water. Consequently, we have concluded that CMA's petition is complete as of December 21, 1998, the date of the last supplement, and is ready for public comment and the technical review phase of our delisting evaluation process.