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m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments:* Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

May 4, 2001.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt

of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

1. CP04-49-000, 04-23-01, Bobby Biller
2. Project Nos. 10865 and 11495, 04-23-01, Steven W. Reneaud
3. Project No. 18, 04-23-01, Scott Larrando
4. Project No. 2899-000, 04-23-01, Scott Lorrando
5. CP01-49-000, 04-24-01, Douglas Sipe
6. Project No. 1494, 04-25-01, Joanne Mallet-Eakin

7. CP00-6-000, 04-25-01, James J. Slack
8. Project No. 2042, 04-25-01, Frank Winchell
9. Project No. 2042, 04-24-01, Tim Bachelder

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Agency Information Collection Activities for Superfund Cooperative Agreements and State Contracts

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Cooperative Agreements and State Contracts for Superfund Response Actions (OMB Control No. 2010-0020; EPA ICR No. 1487.06) expiring September 30, 2001. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Kirby Biggs, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 5204G, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (703) 308-8506, e-mail: Biggs.Kirby@epa.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kirby Biggs, at the address and telephone number listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Affected entities: Entities potentially affected are those States, Federally recognized Indian tribes, and political subdivisions that apply to EPA for financial assistance under a Superfund cooperative agreement or a Superfund State Contract.

Title: Cooperative Agreements and Superfund Contracts for Superfund Response Actions (OMB Control No.

2010-0020; EPA ICR No. 1487.06) expiring 09/30/01.

Abstract: This ICR authorizes the collection of information under 40 CFR part 35, subpart O, which establishes the administrative requirements for cooperative agreements funded under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) for State, political subdivisions, and Federally recognized Indian tribal government response actions. This regulation also codifies the administrative requirements for Superfund State Contracts for non-State lead remedial responses. This regulation includes only those provisions mandated by CERCLA, required by OMB Circulars, or added by EPA to ensure sound and effective financial assistance management. The information is collected from applicants and/or recipients of EPA assistance and is used to make awards, pay recipients, and collect information on how Federal funds are being spent. EPA requires this information to meet its Federal stewardship responsibilities. Recipient responses are required to obtain a benefit (federal funds) under 40 CFR part 31, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments" and under 40 CFR part 35, "State and Local Assistance." 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 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 current annual reporting and record keeping burden for this collection is estimated to

average 11.58 hours per response. The current estimated number of annual respondents is 361 and the estimated total annual hour burden is 4,182 hours. The frequency of response is as required. 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.

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

Dated: May 4, 2001.

Steve Caldwell,

Acting Director, State, Tribal and Site Identification Center, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, Office of Solid Waste and Remedial Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[IL-202; FRL-6976-9]

Adequacy Status of the Metro East St. Louis, IL, Submitted Ozone Attainment State Implementation Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes; Notice of Withdrawal of Adequacy

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of adequacy.

SUMMARY: EPA has decided to withdraw our finding of adequacy and find inadequate the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Metro East St. Louis, Illinois, ozone attainment demonstration State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted on November 15, 1999, and supplemented on February 10, 2000. We are withdrawing our adequacy finding due to a recent court decision. The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit decided on August 30, 2000, that the implementation of the Nitrogen

Oxides (NO_x) SIP Call rule could not be required before May 31, 2004. The emission levels in the St. Louis attainment demonstration SIP were based on the assumption that transport of ozone precursors into St. Louis from upwind states would be addressed by May 2003 pursuant to EPA's NO_x SIP Call. Without these regional NO_x SIP Call controls in place in 2003, the Metro East St. Louis area will not be able to demonstrate attainment as described in the submitted SIP. For this reason, the motor vehicle emissions budgets for 2003 can no longer be considered adequate and are inadequate. The notice of the adequacy determination that is being withdrawn was made on June 12, 2000, in a letter to the State and was published in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 2000.

DATES: The notice of adequacy is withdrawn as of May 10, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Morris (312-353-8656)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 12, 2000, EPA Region 5 sent a letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets for NO_x and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the November 15, 1999, and supplemented on February 10, 2000, Metro East St. Louis ozone attainment demonstration SIP for 2003 were adequate for the purpose of transportation conformity. EPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 2000, [65 FR 41068] announcing that we had made an adequacy determination for the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Metro East St. Louis attainment demonstration SIP. This finding was also announced on EPA's conformity website, <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to SIPs and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do conform. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

EPA described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999, memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999, Conformity Court Decision"). This guidance was used in making the