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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CAA affords EPA a 45-day period to review and, as appropriate, the authority to object to operating permits proposed by state permitting authorities under title V of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. 7661-7661f. Section 505(b)(2) of the CAA and 40 CFR 70.8(d) authorize any person to petition the EPA Administrator to object to a title V operating permit within 60 days after the expiration of EPA's 45-day review period if EPA has not objected on its own initiative. Petitions must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the state, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issues arose after this period.

Petitioner submitted a petition regarding the EKPC Spurlock Generating Station on April 28, 2008, requesting that EPA object to Revision 2 to the EKPC merged PSD and title V operating permit. Pursuant to a proposed Consent Decree, EPA agreed to address the issue regarding the lack of hazardous air pollutant emission limits under section 112(g) of the CAA in an order that was issued on September 21, 2009. The remaining two issues are addressed in this Order. The issues are: (1) The permit revision proposed by KDAQ fails to include the required heat input limit applicable to Unit 2 and unlawfully attempts to increase that limit without going through PSD (or any other CAA title I) permitting and (2) KDAQ's review of low-sulfur coal was not adequate.

On November 30, 2009, the Administrator issued an Order both granting and denying, in part, the petition with respect to the remaining two issues. The Order explains EPA's rationale for granting the petition with respect to issue 2 and denying the petition with respect to issue 1.

Dated: December 11, 2009.

**Beverly H. Banister,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IV.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Draft Toxicological Review of Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether: In Support of the Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Peer-Review Workshop.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing that Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), an EPA contractor for external scientific peer review, will convene an independent panel of experts and organize and conduct an external peer-review workshop to review the external review draft document titled, "Toxicological Review of Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (EPA/635/R-08/019A). The draft document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development. EPA previously announced the 60-day public comment period (ending October 19, 2009) for the draft document in the **Federal Register** on August 20, 2009 (74 FR 42069). EPA will consider public comments and recommendations from the expert panel workshop as EPA finalizes the draft document.

The public comment period and the external peer-review workshop are separate processes that provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the document. EPA intends to forward public comments submitted in accordance with the August 20, 2009, **Federal Register** notice (74 FR 42069) to ERG for consideration by the external peer-review panel prior to the workshop.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination.

ERG invites the public to register to attend this workshop as observers. In addition, ERG invites the public to give oral and/or provide written comments at the workshop regarding the draft document under review. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The draft document and EPA's

peer-review charge are available primarily via the Internet on NCEA's home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. In preparing a final report, EPA will consider ERG's report of the comments and recommendations from the external peer-review workshop and any public comments that EPA receives.

**DATES:** The peer-review panel workshop will held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending no later than 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The peer-review workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024; phone: 202-479-4000. The EPA contractor, ERG, is organizing, convening, and conducting the peer-review workshop. To attend the workshop as an observer, register by Tuesday, January 19, 2010, via the Internet at <https://www2.ergweb.com/projects/conferences/peerreview/register-etbeworkshop.htm>.

You may also register by e-mailing [meetings@erg.com](mailto:meetings@erg.com) (subject line: ETBE Workshop); by calling, phone: 781-674-7374 or toll free at 800-803-2833 (ask for the ETBE peer review coordinator, Laurie Waite); or by faxing a registration request to 781-674-2906 (please reference the "ETBE Workshop" and include your name, title, affiliation, full address, and contact information).

The draft "Toxicological Review of Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" is available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Information Management Team, NCEA; telephone: 703-347-8561; facsimile: 703-347-8691. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title, "Toxicological Review of Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)." Copies are not available from ERG.

**Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities:** EPA welcomes public attendance at the Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether Peer-Review Workshop and will make every effort to accommodate persons with disabilities. For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact ERG, 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421-3136; telephone: 781-674-7374; facsimile: 781-674-

2906; or e-mail: [meetings@erg.com](mailto:meetings@erg.com) (subject line: ETBE Workshop) preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give as much time as possible to process your request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding information, registration, access or services for individuals with disabilities, or logistics for the external peer-review workshop should be directed to ERG, 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421-3136; by e-mail: [meetings@erg.com](mailto:meetings@erg.com), or by phone: 781-674-7374. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the ETBE Coordinator, Laurie Waite, of ERG, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give as much time as possible to process your request.

If you have questions about the document, contact Scott Wesselkamper, National Center for Environmental Assessment, 26 West Martin Luther King, MS A-110, Cincinnati, Ohio 45268; telephone: 513-569-7256; or e-mail: [wesselkamper.scott@epa.gov](mailto:wesselkamper.scott@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Information about IRIS**

IRIS is a database that contains information about potential adverse human health effects that may result from chronic (or lifetime) exposure to specific chemical substances found in the environment. The database (available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/iris>) contains qualitative and quantitative health effects information for more than 540 chemical substances that may be used to support the first two steps (hazard identification and dose-response evaluation) of a risk assessment process. When supported by available data, the database provides oral reference doses (RfDs) and inhalation reference concentrations (RfCs) for chronic health effects, and oral slope factors and inhalation unit risks for carcinogenic effects. Combined with specific exposure information, government and private entities can use IRIS data to help characterize public health risks of chemical substances in a site-specific situation and thereby support risk management decisions designed to protect public health.

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**Rebecca Clark,**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Notice of Issuance Federal Operating Permit to Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that, on October 2, 2009, pursuant to Title V of the Clean Air Act, EPA issued a Title V Permit to Operate (Title V permit) to Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes Gas). This permit authorizes Great Lakes Gas to operate two natural gas-fired turbine/compressors and one natural gas-fired standby electrical generator at Compressor Station #4 (CS#4) near Deer River, Minnesota. CS#4, which is located on privately-owned fee land within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Indian Reservation, adds pressure to natural gas in Great Lakes' pipeline, causing the natural gas to flow to the next compressor station.

**DATES:** During the public comment period, which ended August 24, 2009, EPA received timely written comments from Great Lakes Gas on the draft Title V permit. EPA responded to these comments and issued the final permit on October 2, 2009. No one appealed the final permit to the Environmental Appeals Board, therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 71.11(i)(2), the final permit became effective 30 days after issuance, on November 2, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** The final signed permit and the response to comment document is available for public inspection online at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r5/r5ard.nsf/Tribal+Permits!OpenView>, or during normal business hours at the following address: EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (AR-18J), Chicago, Illinois 60604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Genevieve Damico, Environmental Engineer, EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (AR-18J), Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-4761, or [damico.genevieve@epa.gov](mailto:damico.genevieve@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This supplementary information is organized as follows:

- A. What is the Background Information?
- B. What is the Purpose of This Notice?

**A. What is the Background Information?**

Great Lakes Gas operates nearly 2,000 miles of large diameter underground

pipeline, which transports natural gas for delivery to customers in the midwestern and northeastern United States and eastern Canada. The Great Lakes pipeline system and other interstate natural gas transmission pipelines make up the long-distance link between natural gas production fields, local distribution companies, and end users. The pipeline's 14 compressor stations, located approximately 75 miles apart, operate to keep natural gas moving through the system. Compressors at these stations add pressure to natural gas in the pipeline, causing it to flow to the next compressor station. The pipeline normally operates continuously, but at varying load, 24 hours per day and 365 days per year. CS#4 currently consists of two stationary natural gas-fired turbines, which in turn drive two natural gas compressors. Additionally, one natural gas-fired standby electrical generator provides electrical power for critical operations during temporary electrical power outages and during peak loading.

CS#4 is located approximately 3 miles west of the City of Deer River, in Itasca County, Minnesota. The area is designated attainment for all criteria pollutants. CS#4, which occupies an area of approximately 20 acres, is owned and maintained by Great Lakes Gas on privately-owned fee land within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Indian Reservation. EPA is responsible for issuing and enforcing any air quality permits for the source until such time that the Tribe has EPA approval to do so.

CS#4 is subject to Title V because it has the potential to emit greater than 100 tons per year of nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide. Great Lakes Gas submitted to EPA on February 25, 2009, a Title V permit application to renew its 2004 Title V operating permit for CS#4. On July 23, 2009, EPA published a draft Title V permit to operate for public comment. The public comment period ended on August 24, 2009. We received written comments from Great Lakes Gas on the permit. EPA responded to these comments and issued the final permit on October 2, 2009. No one appealed the final permit to the Environmental Appeals Board, therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 71.11(i)(2), this permit became effective 30 days after issuance, on November 2, 2009.

EPA is not aware of any outstanding enforcement actions against Great Lakes Gas and believes the issuance of this permit is non-controversial.