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Acid Rain Program: Notice of Annual Adjustment Factors for Excess Emissions Penalty

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of annual adjustment factors for excess emissions penalty.

SUMMARY: The Acid Rain Program under title IV of the Clean Air Act provides for automatic excess emissions penalties in dollars per ton of excess emissions for sources that do not meet their annual Acid Rain emissions limitations. This notice states the dollars per ton excess emissions penalty amounts, which must be adjusted for each compliance year to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), for compliance years 2011 and 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert L. Miller, Clean Air Markets Division (6204J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460 at (202) 343–9077 or miller.robert@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Acid Rain Program under title IV of the Clean Air Act limits annual sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions of fossil-fueled utility units. Under the Acid Rain Program, affected sources must hold sufficient allowances to cover their sulfur dioxide emissions, and certain coal-fired sources must meet an emission limit for nitrogen oxides. Under 40 CFR 77.6, sources that do not meet these requirements must pay a penalty without demand to the Administrator based on the number of excess tons emitted times $2,000 as adjusted by an annual adjustment factor, which must be published in the Federal Register. The annual adjustment factor for adjusting the penalty for excess emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides under 40 CFR part 77.6(b) for compliance year 2011 is 1.7521. This value is derived using the CPI for 1990 compliance year 2009 (defined respectively at 40 CFR 77.6, sources that do not meet these requirements must pay a penalty without demand to the Administrator based on the number of excess tons emitted times $2,000 as adjusted by an annual adjustment factor, which must be published in the Federal Register. The annual adjustment factor for adjusting the penalty for excess emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides under 40 CFR part 77.6(b) for compliance year 2011 is 1.7521. This value is derived using the CPI for 1990 and 2010 (defined respectively at 40 CFR 77.6, the CPI for August of the year before the specified year for all urban consumers) and results in an automatic penalty of $3,504 per excess ton of sulfur dioxide or nitrogen oxides emitted for 2011.

The annual adjustment factor for adjusting the penalty for such excess emissions under 40 CFR 77.6(b) for compliance year 2012 is 1.8182. This value is derived using the CPI for 1990 and 2010 (defined respectively at 40 CFR 77.6, the CPI for August of the year before the specified year for all urban consumers) and results in an automatic penalty of $3,436 per excess ton of sulfur dioxide or nitrogen oxides emitted for 2012.

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Sam Napolitano,
Director, Clean Air Markets Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation.

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and Produce Liquid Hydrocarbon Resources, Implementation, AK, Comment Period Ends: 01/03/2012, Contact: Harry Baij 1–800–478–2712.

EIS No. 20110388, Final EIS, TVA, AL, Muscle Shoals Reservation Redevelopment, Disposal and Potential Redevelopment Approximately 1,400 Acres of its Muscle Shoals Reservation, Muscle Shoals, Colbert County, AL, Review Period Ends: 12/19/2011, Contact: Stanford E. Davis (865) 632–2915.


EIS No. 20110390, Draft EIS, NPS, HI, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Project, Protecting and Restoring Native Ecosystems by Managing Non-Native Ungulates, Hawaii County, HI, Comment Period Ends: 01/17/2012, Contact: Rhonda Loh (808) 985–6098.


EIS No. 20110392, Final EIS, USFS, UT, Black Fork Salvage Project, Proposal to Treat Timer Harvest, Prescribe Fire, and Mechanical Thinning, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Summit County, UT, Review Period Ends: 12/19/2011, Contact: Pam Jarnecke (801) 236–3441.

Amended Notices


Dated: November 15, 2011.

Cliff Rader,
Acting Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Notice of a Public Meeting on Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule: Initiate Regulatory Review—Cryptosporidium Analytical Method Improvements and Update on Source Water Monitoring

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a public meeting on December 7, 2011, to discuss the analytical methods for Cryptosporidium and the source water monitoring data from the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2 rule). This is the first of at least two meetings on the LT2 rule that EPA will host. At the December meeting, EPA will present its evaluation of the LT2 rule Cryptosporidium source water monitoring data, new information on the performance of Method 1623, as well as the latest information on Method 1623 improvements. A public meeting on the LT2 rule uncovered finished water reservoir requirement will occur in Spring 2012. Matters related to the uncovered finished water reservoir requirement will not be discussed at the December 7, 2011, meeting. The information discussed in these meetings is part of the review of the LT2 rule under the Six Year Review process announced as part of EPA’s Retrospective Review Plan under Executive Order (E.O.) 13563 in August 2011. The LT2 rule requires a second round of Cryptosporidium monitoring, which is scheduled to start in 2015. The Stage 2 Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts (M/DBP) Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) recommended that EPA hold a public meeting on these issues prior to the second round of monitoring.

Date and Location: The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time), at the EPA East Building, Room 1153, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. A separate Federal Register notice will be published to provide information on the date and location of the 2012 public meeting focused on the LT2 uncovered finished water reservoir requirement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical inquiries, contact, César Cordero, Standards and Risk Management Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (MC 4607M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460 at (202) 564–3716 or cordero.cesar@epa.gov. For more information about the LT2 rule or the Six Year Review Process, visit: http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/l2/ or http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/regulatingcontaminants/sixyearreview/index.cfm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA published the final LT2 rule in January 2006. The purpose of the LT2 rule is to reduce disease incidence associated with Cryptosporidium and other disease-causing microorganisms in drinking water.

The 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) require EPA to review its existing drinking water regulations every six years. SDWA specifies that any revision to a national primary drinking water regulation must maintain or provide for greater protection of the health of persons. EPA announced in the Agency’s August 2011 Improving Our Regulations: Final Plan for Periodic Review Retrospective Reviews of Existing Regulations document in response to E.O. 13563 that a review of the LT2 rule will start in 2011. The Agency plans to complete its review of the LT2 rule no later than 2016. As part of the review, EPA will assess and analyze new information regarding occurrence, treatment, analytical methods, health effects, and risk from all relevant waterborne pathogens to evaluate whether there are new or additional ways to manage risk while assuring equivalent or improved protection.

Registration: Individuals planning on participating in the public meeting must register for the meeting by contacting Junie Percy of Intellitech by email at junie.percy@itsysteminc.com no later than December 2, 2011. Teleconferencing will be available for individuals unable to attend the meeting in person.

Special Accommodations: For information on access or accommodations for individuals with disabilities, please contact Jini Mohanty at (202) 564–5269 or by email at mohanty.jini@epa.gov. Please allow at least five business days prior to the meeting to give EPA time to process your request.