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Dated: December 5, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R05-OAR-2017-0277; FRL-9971-62-Region 5]

### Adequacy Status of the Metro-East St. Louis, Illinois 2008 Ozone Standard Nonattainment Area for the Submitted Maintenance Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of adequacy.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is notifying the public that we find the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) in the Illinois portion of the St. Louis area (Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties or "Metro-East area"), 2008 Ozone Standard nonattainment area adequate for use in transportation conformity determinations. Illinois submitted a 2008 Ozone Standard maintenance plan for the Metro-East area on May 8, 2017. As a result of this finding of adequacy, the MVEBs from the submitted maintenance plan must be used by state and Federal agencies in determining whether proposed transportation projects conform to the SIP as required by the Clean Air Act.

**DATES:** This finding is applicable December 26, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Leslie, Environmental Engineer, Control Strategies Section (AR-18J), Air Programs Branch, Air and Radiation Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard,

Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-6680, [leslie.michael@epa.gov](mailto:leslie.michael@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document, whenever "we", "us" or "our" is used, we mean EPA.

#### Background

Today's notice is an announcement of a finding that we have already made. On September 26, 2017, EPA sent a letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, stating that the 2030 MVEBs contained in the maintenance plan for the 2008 Ozone Standard for Metro-East area are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. EPA announced receipt of these MVEBs on its transportation conformity Web site, and did not receive any comments during the public comment period. The finding of adequacy is available at EPA's conformity Web site: <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/adequacy-review-state-implementation-plan-sip-submissions-conformity>.

The 2030 MVEBs, in tons per day (tpd), for VOCs and NO<sub>x</sub> for the Metro-East St. Louis, Illinois area are as follows:

Year	NO <sub>x</sub> (tpd)	VOCs (tpd)
2030 .....	16.68	9.05

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 state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether they conform. Conformity to a State Implementation Plan (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.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and is also a separate action from EPA's evaluation of and decision whether to approve a proposed SIP revision.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: November 17, 2017.

**Robert A. Kaplan,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0628; FRL-9970-51]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of an Existing Collection (EPA ICR No. 0276.16); Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ICR, entitled: "Experimental Use Permits (EUPs) for Pesticides," and identified by EPA ICR No. 0276.16 and OMB Control No. 2070-0040, represents the renewal of an existing ICR that is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2018. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection that is summarized in this document. The ICR and accompanying material are available in the docket for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0628, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Hernandez, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7560P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone

number: (703) 305-5190; email address: [hernandez.connie@epa.gov](mailto:hernandez.connie@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. What information is EPA particularly interested in?**

Pursuant to PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. 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.

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. 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. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

**II. What information collection activity or ICR does this action apply to?**

*Title:* EUPs for Pesticides.

*ICR number:* EPA ICR No. 0276.16.

*OMB control number:* OMB Control No. 2070-0040.

*ICR status:* This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on August 31, 2018. 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 in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* This ICR is a renewal of an existing ICR that is currently approved by OMB and is due to expire August 31, 2018. The information collection provides EPA with the data necessary to

determine whether to issue an EUP under section 5 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). FIFRA requires that before a pesticide product may be distributed or sold in the U.S., it must be registered by EPA. However, FIFRA section 5 authorizes EPA to issue an EUP to allow pesticide companies to temporarily ship pesticide products for experimental use for the purpose of gathering data necessary to support the application for registration of a pesticide product. The EUP application must be submitted in order to obtain a permit.

*Burden statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 567 hours per response. Burden is defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

The ICR, which is available in the docket along with other related materials, provides a detailed explanation of the collection activities and the burden estimate that is only briefly summarized here:

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Entities potentially affected by this ICR are engaged in pesticide, fertilizer, and other agricultural chemical manufacturing. The NAICS for respondents under the ICR include: 325320 (Pesticide and other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing).

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 31 annually.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 1.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 567 hours.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$37,497. There are no capital operation & maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

**III. Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?**

There is an increase of 11 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase reflects EPA's adjustment as a result of increased EUP submissions by program participants, as well as higher wage rates for managerial, technical, and clerical occupations. This change is an adjustment.

**IV. What is the next step in the process for this ICR?**

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** document pursuant to 5 CFR

1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: November 27, 2017.

**Charlotte Bertrand,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-9971-26—Region 8]

**Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection to State Operating Permit for PacifiCorp Energy—Hunter Power Plant (Emery County, Utah)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final order on a petition to object to a state operating permit.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Administrator signed an order, dated October 16, 2017, denying the petition submitted by the Sierra Club (Petitioner) objecting to the proposed Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permit issued to PacifiCorp Energy. The Order responds to the April 11, 2016 petition objecting to the proposed title V operating permit #1500101002 (Hunter Permit) issued by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (UDAQ) for the Hunter Power Plant in Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah. The Order constitutes a final action on the petition.

**ADDRESSES:** You may review copies of the Order, the petition, and other supporting information at the EPA Region 8 Office, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-1129. The EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to view these documents. You may view the hard copies Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding federal holidays. The Order is also available electronically at: <https://www.epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/title-v-petition-database>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Wauters, Air Program (8P-AR), EPA Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street,