

researchers to directly gauge what specific issues are important to the public and providing a means for explicitly testing draft survey materials. Through these focus groups, the Agency will be able to gain a more in-depth understanding of the public's attitudes, beliefs, motivations and feelings regarding specific issues and will provide valuable information regarding the quality of draft survey instruments.

The information collected in the focus groups will be used to develop and improve economics-related surveys. To the extent that these surveys are ultimately successfully administered, they will serve to expand the Agencies understanding of benefits and costs of a variety of actions and could provide the means to quantitatively assess the effects of others. Participation in the focus groups will be voluntary and the identity of the participants will be kept confidential.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Individuals.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Voluntary.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 1,584 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Once.

*Total estimated burden:* 2,745 hours (total). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$0, includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in estimates:* There is no change in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB.

Dated: May 1, 2018.

**Al McGartland,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Economics, Office of Policy.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9977-98—Region 6]

### Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petitions for Objection to State Operating Permit for Pasadena Refining System, Pasadena Refinery, Harris County, Texas

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final Order on Petition for objection to Clean Air Act title V operating permit.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed an Order dated May 1, 2018, granting in part and denying in part a Petition dated November 8, 2016 from the Environmental Integrity Project, Sierra Club, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services, and Air Alliance Houston. The Petition requested that the EPA object to a Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to Pasadena Refining System (Pasadena) for its Pasadena Refinery located in Harris County, Texas.

**ADDRESSES:** The EPA requests that you contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to view copies of the final Order, the Petition, and other supporting information. You may review copies of the final Order, the Petition, and other supporting information at the EPA Region 6 Office, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. You may view the hard copies Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding federal holidays. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Additionally, the final Order and Petition are available electronically at: <https://www.epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/title-v-petition-database>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aimee Wilson, EPA Region 6, (214) 665-7596, [wilson.aimee@epa.gov](mailto:wilson.aimee@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CAA affords EPA a 45-day period to review and object to, as appropriate, operating permits proposed by state permitting authorities under title V of the CAA. Section 505(b)(2) of the CAA authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator to object to a title V operating permit within 60 days after the expiration of the EPA's 45-day review period if the 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 unless the grounds for the issue arose after this period.

The EPA received the Petition from the Environmental Integrity Project, Sierra Club, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services, and Air Alliance Houston dated November 8,

2016, requesting that the EPA object to the issuance of operating permit no. O3711, issued by TCEQ to Pasadena Refinery in Harris County, Texas. The Petition claims that: (1) The proposed permits' incorporation by reference of minor NSR authorizations fails to assure compliance with applicable requirements, (2) the proposed permits' incorporation by reference of Permit by Rule (PBR) and Standard Exemption authorizations fails to assure compliance with applicable requirements, (3) the proposed permits' incorporation by reference of minor NSR permits and PBRs that apply to the same emission unit makes it impossible to determine the emission limits that apply to such units, (4) the proposed permit fails to require monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements that assure compliance with applicable limits (PBRs and Standard Exemptions), (5) the proposed permit fails to establish monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements that assure compliance with emission limits for multiple emission units (Claims C, D, E, F, and G), (6) the proposed permit fails to require monitoring that assures compliance with the emission limits for Pasadena Refining's flares, (7) the proposed permit fails to require monitoring that assures compliance with the 90% removal efficiency requirement for the acid relief neutralization system, and (8) the proposed permit fails to specify and assure compliance with planned maintenance, startup, and shutdown emission limits and operating requirements for boiler #6.

On May 1, 2018, the EPA Administrator issued an Order granting in part and denying in part the Petition. The Order explains the basis for EPA's decision.

Sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the CAA provide that a petitioner may request judicial review of those portions of an order that deny issues in a petition. Any petition for review shall be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit no later than July 20, 2018.

Dated: May 14, 2018.

**Anne L. Idsal,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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