

ADDRESSES: Administrative Records.

The administrative record for the exemptions, except information protected as confidential, may be viewed during normal operating hours at the following locations. For plants in New York: EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866; for plants in Texas: EPA Region 6, First Interstate Bank Tower, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX, 75202-2733; and for plants in Kansas and Missouri: EPA Region 7, 726 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS, 66101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For plants in New York, Gerry DeGaetano, 212-637-4020; for plants in Texas, Dan Meyer, 214-665-7233, and for plants in Kansas and Missouri, Lisa Hanlon, 913-551-7599.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All public comment received on any exemption in this direct final action on which significant, adverse comments are timely received will be addressed in a subsequent issuance or denial of exemption based on the relevant draft exemption in the notice of draft written exemptions that is published elsewhere in today's Federal Register and that is identical to this direct final action.

Under the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR 72.7), utilities may petition EPA for an exemption from permitting and monitoring requirements for any new utility unit that serves one or more generators with total nameplate capacity of 25 MW or less and burns only fuels with a sulfur content of 0.05 percent or less by weight. On the earlier of the date a unit exempted under 40 CFR 72.7 burns any fuel with a sulfur content in excess of 0.05 percent by weight or 24 months prior to the date the exempted unit first serves one or more generators with total nameplate capacity in excess of 25 MW, the unit shall no longer be exempted under 40 CFR 72.7 and shall be subject to all permitting and monitoring requirements of the Acid Rain Program.

EPA is issuing written exemptions to the following new units, effective from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 2000:

Wamego units 1920-3, 1920-4, and 1920-5 in Kansas, operated by the City of Wamego. The designated representative for Wamego is Larry Fechter.

Malden units 2, 3, and 4 in Missouri, operated by the City of Malden. The designated representative for Malden is Gary Youngquist.

Vandalia units 4 and 5 in Missouri, operated by the City of Vandalia. The designated representative for Vandalia is Todd Hileman.

Additionally under the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR 72.8), utilities may petition EPA for an exemption from Phase II permitting requirements for units that are retired prior to the issuance of a Phase II Acid Rain permit. Units that are retired prior to the deadline for continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) certification may also petition for an exemption from monitoring requirements.

While the exempt retired units have been allocated allowances under 40 CFR part 73, units exempted under 40 CFR 72.8 must not emit any sulfur dioxide or nitrogen oxides on or after the date the units are exempted, and the units must not resume operation unless the designated representative submits an application for an Acid Rain permit and installs and certifies its monitors by the applicable deadlines.

EPA is issuing written exemptions from Phase II permitting requirements and monitoring requirements, effective from January 1, 1996, through December 31, 2000, to the following retired units:

Waterside units 51 and 52 in New York, operated by Consolidated Edison. The designated representative for Waterside is M. Peter Lanahan, Jr.

Victoria unit 5 in Texas, operated by Central and Southwest Services, Inc. The designated representative for Victoria is E. Michael Williams.

Dated: March 19, 1996.

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Director, Acid Rain Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed March 11, 1996 through March 15, 1996, Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 960123, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Emigrant Wilderness Management Direction, Implementation, Stanislaus National Forest, Tuolumne County, CA, Due: May 21, 1996, Contact: Steve Brougher (209) 965-3434.

EIS No. 960124, Final EIS, AFS, AK, Northwest Baranof Timber Sale(s), Implementation, NPDES, Coast Guard Bridge, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Tongass National Forest, Sitka Ranger District, Baranof Island,

AK, Due: April 22, 1996, Contact: James M. Thomas (907) 747-6671. EIS No. 960125, Draft EIS, USN, FL, Programmatic EIS—Mayport Naval Station, to Evaluate Facilities Development Necessary to Support Potential Aircraft Carrier Homporting, Duval County, FL, Due: May 6, 1996, Contact: Ronnie Lattimore (803) 820-5888.

EIS No. 960126, Final EIS, GSA, CA, San Diego—United States Courthouse, Site Selection and Construction within a portion of the Central Business District (CBD), City of San Diego, San Diego County, CA, Due: April 22, 1996, Contact: Rosanne Nieto (415) 444-8111.

EIS No. 960127, Draft EIS, AFS, MT, Boulder and Wyman Gulch Vegetation Management Timber Sale and Prescribed Burning, Implementation, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests, Philipsburg Ranger District, Granite County, MT, Due: May 06, 1996, Contact: Ed Casey (406) 859-3211.

EIS No. 960128, Final EIS, FHW, OH, US 50 Highway Improvements between the City of Athens to the Village of Coolville, US 50 18.58 from 4 km (2.5 miles) west of OH-690 to OH-7, US Coast Guard Permit and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Athens County, OH, Due: April 22, 1996, Contact: Dale E. Wilken (708) 283-3500.

EIS No. 960129, Draft EIS, DOE, NY, West Valley Demonstration Project for Completion and Western New York Nuclear Service Center Closure or Long-Term Management, Appalachian Plateau, City of Buffalo, NY, Due: September 22, 1996, Contact: Dan Sullivan (800) 633-5280.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

William D. Dickerson,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared March 4, 1996 through March 8, 1996 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.