(iv) Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of these information collections, including suggestions for reducing the burdens, to the docket under ADDRESSES listed above.

III. Public Record

A record has been established for this notice under docket control number OPP-00476 (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of the record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official rulemaking record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official rulemaking record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection and Information collection requests.

Dated: April 8, 1997.

Lynn R. Goldman,

Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5812-6]

Acid Rain Program: Draft Permits and Permit Modifications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of draft permits and permit modifications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing for comment draft Phase I Acid Rain permits and permit modifications including nitrogen oxides (NO_X) compliance plans in accordance with the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR parts 72 and 76). Because the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments, the permits and permit modifications are also being issued as a direct final action in the notice of permits and permit modifications published elsewhere in today's Federal Register.

DATES: Comments on the draft permits and permit modifications must be received no later than 30 days after the date of this notice or 30 days after the date of publication of a similar notice in a local newspaper, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: Administrative Records. The administrative record for the permits, 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 Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, EPA Region 4, 100 Alabama St., NW, Atlanta, GA, 30303; for plants in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, ĪL, 60604; for plants in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, EPA Region 8, 999 18th St., Denver, CO, 80202.

Comments. Send comments, requests for public hearings, and requests to receive notices of future actions to: for plants in New York, EPA Region 2, Division of Environmental Planning & Protection, Attn: Gerry DeGaetano (address above); for plants in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, EPA Region 4, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Attn: Scott Davis (address above); for plants in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, EPA Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, Attn: Cecilia Mijares (address above); for plants in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, EPA Region 5, Air and

Radiation Division, Attn: Beth Valenziano (address above); for plants in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, EPA Region 8, Air and Toxics Division, Attn: Mike Owens (address above). Submit comments in duplicate and identify the permit to which the comments apply, the commenter's name, address, and telephone number, and the commenter's interest in the matter and affiliation, if any, to the owners and operators of all units in the plan. All timely comments will be considered, except those pertaining to standard provisions under 40 CFR 72.9 or issues not relevant to the permit or the permit modification.

Hearings. To request a public hearing, state the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. EPA may schedule a hearing if EPA finds that it will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues affecting a $NO_{\rm X}$ compliance plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For plants in New York, call Gerry DeGaetano, 212–637–4020; for plants in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, call Scott Davis, 404–562–9127; for plants in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, call Cecilia Mijares, 312–886–0968; for plants in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, call Beth Valenziano, 312–886–2703; for plants in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, call Mike Owens, 303–312–6440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If no significant, adverse comments are timely received, no further activity is contemplated in relation to these draft permits and draft permit modifications and the permits and permit modifications issued as a direct final action in the notice of permits and permit modifications published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register** will automatically become final on the date specified in that notice. If significant, adverse comments are timely received on any permit or permit modification, that permit or permit modification in the notice of permits and permit modifications will be withdrawn and public comment received on that permit or permit modification based on this notice of draft permits and permit modifications will be addressed in a subsequent notice of permit or permit modification. Because the Agency will not institute a second comment period on this notice of draft permits and permit modifications, any parties interested in commenting should do so during this comment period.

For further information and a detailed description of the permits and permit modifications, see the information provided in the notice of permits and permit modifications elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

Brian J. McLean,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5812-5]

Acid Rain Program: Permit and Permit Modifications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of permits and permit modifications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing, as a direct final action, Phase I Acid Rain permits and permit modifications including nitrogen oxides (NO_x) compliance plans in accordance with the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR parts 72 and 76). Because the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments, the exemptions are

being issued as a direct final action. **DATES:** The permits and permit modifications issued in this direct final action will be final on May 26, 1997 or 40 days after publication of a similar notice in a local publication, whichever is later, unless significant, adverse comments are received by May 16, 1997 or 30 days after publication of a similar notice in a local publication, whichever is later. If significant, adverse comments are timely received on any permit or permit modification in this direct final action, that permit or permit modification will be withdrawn through a notice in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Administrative Records. The administrative record for the permits, 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 Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, EPA Region 4, 100 Alabama St., NW, Atlanta, GA, 30303; for plants in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL, 60604;

for plants in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, EPA Region 8, 999 18th St., Denver, CO, 80202.

Comments. Send comments, requests for public hearings, and requests to receive notice of future actions to: for plants in New York, EPA Region 2, Division of Environmental Planning & Protection, Attn: Gerry DeGaetano (address above); for plants in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, EPA Region 4, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Attn: Scott Davis (address above); for plants in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, EPA Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, Attn: Cecilia Mijares (address above); for plants in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, EPA Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, Attn: Beth Valenziano (address above); for plants in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, EPA Region 8, Air and Toxics Division, Attn: Mike Owens (address above). Submit comments in duplicate and identify the permit to which the comments apply, the commenter's name, address, and telephone number, and the commenter's interest in the matter and affiliation, if any, to the owners and operators of all units in the plan. All timely comments will be considered, except those pertaining to standard provisions under 40 CFR 72.9 or issues not relevant to the permit or the permit modification.

Hearings. To request a public hearing, state the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. EPA may schedule a hearing if EPA finds that it will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues affecting a NO_X compliance plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For plants in New York, call Gerry DeGaetano, 212–637–4020; for plants in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, call Scott Davis, 404–562–9127; for plants in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, call Cecilia Mijares, 312–886–0968; for plants in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, call Beth Valenziano, 312–886–2703; for plants in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, call Mike Owens, 303–312–6440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title IV of the Clean Air Act directs EPA to establish a program to reduce the adverse effects of acidic deposition by promulgating rules and issuing permits to emission sources subject to the program. In today's action, EPA is issuing permits and permit modifications that include approval of early election plans for NO_X . The units

that are included in the early election plans will be required to meet an actual annual average emissions rate for NO_X of either 0.45 lbs/MMBtu for tangentially-fired boilers or 0.50 lbs/ MMBtu for dry bottom wall-fired boilers beginning on January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2007, after which they will be required to meet the applicable emissions limitation under 40 CFR 76.7(a) of 0.40 lbs/MMBtu for tangentially-fired boilers or 0.46 lbs/ MMBtu for dry bottom wall-fired boilers. The following is a list of units included in the permits or permit modifications and the limits that they are required to meet:

S A Carlson units 9, 10, 11, and 12 in New York: 0.50 lbs/MMBtu. The designated representative is R. James Gronquist.

Kintigh unit 1 in New York: 0.50 lbs/ MMBtu. The designated representative is James Rettberg.

Charles R Lowman units 2 and 3 in Alabama: 0.50 lbs/MMBtu. The designated representative is John Howard.

C D McIntosh unit 3 in Florida: 0.50 lbs/ MMBtu. The designated representative is Ronald Tomlin.

Crystal River units 2, 4, and 5 in Florida: 0.45 lbs/MMBtu for unit 2; 0.50 lbs/MMBtu for units 4 and 5. The designated representative is W. Jeffrey Pardue.

Deerhaven unit B2 in Florida: 0.50 lbs/ MMBtu. The designated representative is John Hancock, Jr.

St. Johns River Power Park units 1 and 2 in Florida: 0.50 lbs/MMBtu. The designated representative is Brian Wirz.

Scherer unit 4 in Georgia: 0.45 lbs/ MMBtu. The designated representative is R. Haubein, Jr.

D B Wilson unit W1 in Kentucky: 0.50 lbs/MMBtu. The designated representative is Gregory Black.

Cane Run units 4, 5, and 6 in Kentucky: 0.50 lbs/MMBtu for units 4 and 5; 0.45 lbs/MMBtu for unit 6. The designated representative is Chris Herman.

Mill Creek units 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Kentucky: 0.45 lbs/MMBtu for units 1 and 2; 0.50 lbs/MMBtu for units 3 and 4. The designated representative is Chris Herman.

Trimble County unit 1 in Kentucky: 0.45 lbs/MMBtu. The designated representative is Chris Herman.

Buck units 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 in North Carolina: 0.45 lbs/MMBtu. The designated representative is T. McMeekin.

Cliffside units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in North Carolina: 0.45 lbs/MMBtu. The