

- Impact on wildlife and fishery habitats.
- Potential impact on Federal- and State-listed threatened or endangered species.
 - Cultural Resources
- Effect on prehistoric and historic sites.
- Native American concerns.
 - Land Use
- Impact on residential areas (7 residences within 50 feet of the construction work area in Virginia and 1 residence within 50 feet of the construction work area in Tennessee).
- Impact on public lands and special use areas including the Tennessee River Park.
- Visual effect of the new aboveground facilities on surrounding areas.
 - Air and Noise Quality
- Impacts on local air quality and noise environment as a result of the operation of the uprated horsepower units at existing Compressor Stations 3101 and 3210.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations or routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Environmental Gas Group 1, PJ-11.1;
- Reference Docket Nos. CP00-51-000 and CP00-51-001; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 14, 2000.

[If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be removed from the environmental mailing list.]

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to

become an official party to the proceeding known as an “intervenor.” Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission’s service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission’s decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission’s Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the “RIMS” link to information in this docket number. Click on the “RIMS” link, select “Docket #” from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the “CIPS” link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the “CIPS” link, select “Docket #” from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of Chicago, IL, Northwest Indiana, IN, and Milwaukee, WI in Submitted Ozone Attainment Demonstrations for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this document, EPA is notifying the public that EPA has found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in each of the three Lake Michigan area ozone attainment demonstrations are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The three areas affected are: Chicago, Illinois; Northwest Indiana (Lake and Porter Counties), Indiana, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for transportation conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found the motor vehicle emission budgets adequate. We have made that finding in letters to the States affected and are providing notice to the public in this **Federal Register**. As a result of our finding, Chicago, Northwest Indiana and Milwaukee can use the motor vehicle emissions budgets from their submitted ozone attainment demonstrations for future transportation conformity determinations. The motor vehicle emissions budgets are for two pollutants, volatile organic compounds (VOC) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx), that combine to form ground level-ozone. Ozone can cause inflammation of the lungs, decrease lung capacity, and aggravate asthma. These budgets are effective July 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments will be available at EPA’s transportation conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the “Conformity” button, then look for “Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity”).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

Throughout this document, whenever “we,” “us” or “our” is used, we mean EPA. Today’s notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 5 sent letters to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on March 24, 2000, and May 31, 2000, stating that both the VOC and NOx motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Chicago, Illinois submitted ozone attainment demonstration for 2007 are adequate. EPA sent similar letters to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on May 8, 2000, and May 31, 2000. Similar letters were sent to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on May 1, 2000, and May 31, 2000.

Before making these findings, we opened a 30 day public comment period for the adequacy of mobile source vehicle emission budgets in the States’ submittals. No comments were received during this comment period. However, there were comments received during the comment period relating to the proposed conditional approval of the attainment demonstration SIPs. After examining those comments, we determined that several applied to the adequacy process and while they were not submitted during the adequacy comment period, they should be addressed. We responded to these comments and issued supplemental letters to Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin finalizing the adequacy findings on May 31, 2000. All three letters found that the VOC and NOx motor vehicle emissions budgets in the submitted ozone attainment demonstrations for 2007 are adequate. These findings and the response to comments will also be announced on EPA’s conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the “Conformity” button, then look for “Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity”).

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 or not they do. Conformity to a 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 motor vehicle emission budgets 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 it also should not be used to prejudge EPA’s ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

We’ve described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP motor vehicle emission budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled “Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision”). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

Dated: June 8, 2000.

Norman Niedergang,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Drinking Water Utilities Team; Strategic SDWA Compliance Planning for Small Systems Workshops

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; announcement of Workshops on Strategic SDWA Compliance Planning for Small Systems.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a series of one-day workshops on “Strategic SDWA Compliance Planning for Small Systems” for consulting engineers, state regulatory agency staff, and other individuals who provide advice or assistance to small water systems. Water system managers and decision-makers are also encouraged to attend. The agency is conducting these workshops in cooperation with the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, American Consulting Engineers Council, American Water Works Association, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, National Association of Water Companies, National Drinking Water Clearinghouse, National Rural Water Association, Rural Community Assistance Program, and U.S. Department of Agriculture—Rural Utilities Service. One workshop will be offered in each EPA Region. There will

be no teleconferencing available at any of these workshops.

The purpose of the workshops is to offer approaches designed to assist small systems in understanding the full range of challenges and opportunities they face in the very near future. Acknowledging the increasing regulatory burden to be faced by small systems, the workshops will cover issues such as: source water supply and protection; existing infrastructure repair and replacement; system organizational structures; new regulations; technologies for compliance; and financial issues. Specific tools and techniques to assist systems in identifying and prioritizing strategic issues and to identify optimum solutions will also be presented.

Included on the agenda for these workshops will be:

Strategic Planning in the 21st Century
Internal System Assessment

- Existing Infrastructure
- Technical, Financial, and Managerial Capacity

Assessing External Challenges

- New Regulations
- Treatment Technology for regulatory compliance
- Source Water Supply
- Competition

Assessing External Opportunities

- Partnerships
- Source Water Protection
- Resources
- Public Awareness

Identifying Options and Determining Optimum Solutions

DATES: All workshops will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The schedule for the workshops is as follows:

June 27—DoubleTree Riverfront Hotel, 50 Warren Street, Lowell, MA 01852, Phone #: 978–452–1200; For group rate, must contact hotel by June 12

June 28—Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany, NY 12211, 800–448–3500; For group rate, must contact hotel by June 13

June 29—The Venice Inn, 431 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD 21740, Phone #: 301–733–0830; For group rate, must contact hotel by June 15

July 12—Clarion Hotel, 3601 N. Desert Drive, Atlanta, GA 30344, Phone #: 404–762–5566; For group rate, must contact hotel by June 21

July 13—Radisson Hotel Dallas, 1893 West Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75235, Phone #: 888–588–9846; For group rate, must contact hotel by June 21