

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-150-001]

Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P.; Notice of Meeting

June 8, 2000.

The Commission staff, Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P. (Millennium) and interested parties will meet on June 21, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 3M-2B at the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Millennium previously filed on May 9, 2000, in Docket No. CP98-150-001 to amend its pending application to reflect a route variation in Westchester County, New York. That application to amend was rejected as incomplete by letter dated May 16, 2000, without prejudice to Millennium refiling a complete application.

Millennium has requested a meeting in anticipation of refiling of the application to amend.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6715-7]

Adequacy Status of Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes: Houston-Galveston Area (HGA) Attainment Demonstration SIP for Ozone

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy status.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the EPA is announcing that the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the submitted HGA Attainment Demonstration State Implementation Plan (SIP) for ozone are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of this determination, the budgets from the submitted attainment SIP must be used for transportation conformity determinations in the HGA. The EPA received two public comment letters.

DATES: These budgets are effective June 29, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Behnam, P. E., The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1445

Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202; telephone (214) 665-7247.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. The EPA's conformity rule, 40 CFR part 93, requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to SIPs 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 EPA determines whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). An adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it should not be used to prejudice EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

On March 2, 1999, the D. C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that budgets contained in submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations unless EPA has affirmatively found the conformity budget adequate. We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in the policy guidance dated May 14, 1999, and titled *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision*. You may obtain a copy of this guidance from EPA's conformity web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq> (once there, click on "conformity" and then scroll down) or by contacting us at the address above.

By this notice, we are simply announcing the adequacy determination that we have already made. On November 15, 1999, we received the HGA attainment SIP which contained a volatile organic compounds budget of 79.00 tons/day and a nitrogen oxides budget of 195.00 tons/day. The public comment period closed on May 1, 2000. We received two public comment letters. We responded to all comments. After the public comment process, we sent a letter to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission stating that these budgets are adequate and they must be used for transportation conformity determinations, and we enclosed a copy of our response to comments.

Therefore, the budgets contained in the submitted HGA attainment SIP as referenced above must be used for transportation conformity by the

Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Houston-Galveston Area.

Dated: May 31, 2000.

Gregg A. Cooke,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6716-2]

2000 National Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Public Invitation to Plenary Sessions of RCRA National Meeting and to Environmental Indicator Forum Sessions.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of public invitation to the plenary sessions of the regular meeting of the National Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Program, "RCRA: Visions for the Future." This meeting, August 15-18, 2000, brings together RCRA program representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), state government, and tribes. The National Meeting will explore future management issues of hazardous and nonhazardous (industrial, municipal, and other) waste. A long-standing tradition, the National RCRA Program Meeting continues to be a great opportunity to share with, and learn from, each other. It promotes new EPA Headquarters initiatives, and fosters discussion and education concerning regional and state issues.

Although attendance at the National Meeting breakout sessions is limited to regulators, the general public is invited to attend the two plenary sessions. An Environmental Indicator Forum will be held during the Meeting. The Forum attempts to improve our efforts to ensure the protection of public health, and to control the migration of contaminated water.

DATES: The two plenary sessions at the 2000 National RCRA Program Meeting are open to the public. The first plenary starts at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2000 and ends at noon. The second plenary starts at 8:30 am on Thursday, August 17, 2000 and ends at 10:00 am. The Environmental Indicator Forum, will start at 1:00 pm on August 15, and continue through August 17. It is also open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The 2000 National RCRA Program Meeting and the Environmental Indicator Forum will both be held at the