

Willis project, located on the Neches River downstream from the Sam Rayburn Dam, consists of two 4,000 kilowatt hydroelectric generating units. It, like the Sam Rayburn Dam project, is marketed as an isolated project under a contract through which the customer, Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency (SRMPA), receives the entire output of the project. The SRMPA contract is for a period of 50 years as a result of SRMPA's funding the construction of the hydroelectric facilities at the project. A separate power repayment study is prepared for each project which has a special rate based on its isolated project determination.

Following Department of Energy Order Number RA 6120.2, the Administrator, Southwestern, prepared a current power repayment study for the Robert D. Willis project using the existing annual rate of \$302,928. This Power Repayment Study, like the previous year's, includes estimates for both Southwestern's and the Corps' portions of the unfunded Civil Service Retirement Service and post retirement life/health costs. The study indicated that maintaining the current rate will create a revenue deficit for the project. This is primarily a result of the Corps of Engineers' increase of Large Maintenance items included in the estimated Operations and Maintenance cost for the Willis Project. The Revised Power Repayment Study for the isolated Willis project shows that an increase of \$35,004 (a 11.5 percent increase) annually will satisfy repayment criteria. This increase would change annual revenues produced by the Willis Project from \$302,928 to \$337,932 and satisfy the present financial criteria for repayment of the project.

Opportunity is presented for customers and interested parties to receive copies of the studies and proposed rate schedule for the Willis project. If you desire a copy of the Repayment Study Data Package for the Willis project, submit your request to the information contact listed above.

A Public Information Forum is scheduled to be held July 20, 1999. The Public Information Forum is to explain to customers and interested parties the proposed rates and supporting studies. The Forum will be conducted by a chairman who will be responsible for orderly procedure. Questions concerning the rates, studies and information presented at the Forum may be submitted from interested persons and will be answered, to the extent possible, at the Forum. Questions not answered at the Forum will be answered in writing, except the questions involving voluminous data contained in

Southwestern's records may best be answered by consultation and review of pertinent records at Southwestern's offices. Persons interested in attending the Public Information Forum should indicate in writing by 4:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, Thursday, July 15, 1999, their intent to appear at such Forum. Accordingly, if no one so indicates their intent to attend, no such Forum will be held. A transcript of the Forum will be made. Copies of the transcripts may be obtained, for a fee, directly from the transcribing service. Copies of all documents introduced will be available from Southwestern upon request, also for a fee. Written comments on the proposed rates for the project are due on or before August 11, 1999. Written comments should be submitted to the Assistant Administrator as indicated above.

Following review of the oral and written comments, the Administrator will submit the rate proposals and the Power Repayment Studies for the Willis project, in support of the proposed rates, to the Secretary of Energy for confirmation and approval on an interim basis and subsequently to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for confirmation and approval on a final basis. The FERC will allow the public an opportunity to provide written comments on the proposed rate increases before making a final decision.

Issued in Tulsa, Oklahoma, this 28th day of June, 1999.

Michael A. Deihl,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6375-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities; National Emission Standards for Benzene Emissions From Coke By-Product Recovery Plants (Subpart L), EPA ICR No. 1080-10, OMB Control No. 2060-0185

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting

comments on specific aspects of the information collection as described at the beginning of Supplementary Information.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail code 2223A, OECA/OC/METD, 401 M. St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. A hard copy of the ICR may be obtained without charge by calling Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1080.10. This information may also be acquired electronically through the Internet Web site at www.epa.gov/fedrgstr.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific information on the ICR contact Maria Malave at (202) 564-7027 or via E-mail to MALAVE.MARIA@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV., EPA ICR No. 1080-10, OMB No. 2060-0185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

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

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able

to respond to a collection of information requirement; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

ICR

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

Title: The National Emission Standards for Benzene Emissions from Coke By-Product Recovery Plants (Subpart L), EPA ICR No 1080-10, OMB Control No. 2060-0185; expiration date is July 31, 1999.

Affected Entities: These standards apply to sources at furnace and foundry coke by-product recovery plants that store benzene having a specific gravity within the range of specific gravities specified in ASTM D 836-84 for Industrial Grade Benzene, and ASTM D 835-85 for Refined Benzene-535 and ASTM D 4734-87 for Refined Benzene-545, which are codified as separate subparts under 40 CFR part 61.

Abstract: The National Emissions Standards for Benzene Emissions from Coke By-product Recovery Plants were proposed by EPA on June 6, 1984. Subsequently, the coke by-product recovery plants rule was promulgated September 14, 1989 and amended September 19, 1991. This rule relies on the capture of benzene emissions by installing closed systems, barrier fluid degassing systems, closed-vent systems to a control device, closed purge systems to a control device, seal systems, and by monitoring equipment to repair leaks as soon as practical. It requires that owners or operators of furnace and foundry coke by-product recovery plants to comply with the following monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements:

Monitoring requirements include:

- (1) Semiannual inspections and annual maintenance inspections.
- (2) Checks for equipment leaks according to test methods and procedures specified in section 61.245.
- (3) Monitor organic compound concentration levels that are reasonable indicators of benzene concentration; and
- (4) Control equipment operation and maintenance.

Recordkeeping requirements include:

- (1) A startup, shutdown, and malfunction plan.
- (2) A coke oven emission control work practice plan.

(3) Maintain records of design control device and plan operation and corrective action; compliance test, reference values for monitored parameters, monitoring results and exceedances (alternative control options).

(4) Maintain records according to section 60.246 for equipment leaks.

(5) Records of monitoring and recordings should be maintained for two years.

(6) Records of equipment and process design are kept permanently.

Reporting requirements include:

- (1) Submit one-time notifications of:
 - Initial compliance certification and election to meet a specific emission limitation;
 - Construct a new, brownfield, or padup rebuild by-product coke oven, battery using a new recovery technology;
 - Restart a cold-idle battery shutdown prior to November 15, 1990;
 - Obtain an exemption from control requirements for bypass/bleeder stacks by committing to permanent closure of a battery or using an equivalent alternative control system for the stacks; and
 - Obtain an alternative standard for coke oven doors on a battery equipped with a shed.
- (2) Semiannual compliance certifications.
- (3) Report for the venting of coke oven gas other than through a flare system.
- (4) Semiannual reports of exceedances of an applicable visible emission limitation for a regulated emission point.
- (5) Quarterly reports of excess emissions (for alternative control options)
- (6) Performance tests.
- (7) Reporting requirements of an owner or operator of any piece of equipment subject to subpart V.

Records and reports are necessary to enable the Administrator to identify new, modified, or reconstructed sources to ensure that the emission limitations, work practice requirements, and other provisions of the national emission standards are being implemented and achieved.

Based on recorded and reported information, EPA and states can identify compliance problems and what records or processes should be inspected at the plant. The records the plants maintain help indicate whether plants are in compliance with the standard, reveal misunderstanding about how the standard is to be implemented, and indicate to EPA whether plant personnel are operating and maintaining

their process equipment properly. Specifically, the information and data will be used by EPA and states to monitor fugitive benzene emissions, and to ensure effective operation of a vapor-collection system and control device, thus ensuring continuous compliance.

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements on the part of the respondent are mandatory, under sections 112 and 114 of the Clean Air Act as amended. All information submitted to the Agency for which a claim of confidentiality is made will be safeguarded according to the Agency policies set forth in Title 40, Chapter 1, part 2, subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information (see 40 CFR part 2; 41 FR 36902, September 1, 1976; amended by 43 FR 39999, September 8, 1978; 43 FR 42251, September 28, 1978; 44 FR 17674, March 23, 1979).

Industry Burden Statement

In the previously approved ICR, the total annual hours were estimated to be 7,083 and the recordkeeping and reporting burden was estimated to average 196.8 hours per respondent per year. The total annual cost was estimated to average \$339,984 based on 36 respondents. Costs were based on an hourly rate of \$22.86 plus 110% overhead costs which equals \$48.00. There were no capital and start-up cost, or operation and maintenance cost documented since no new sources were estimated to become subject to these standards.

The following activities were considered in calculating the respondent burden: annual maintenance inspection; Method 21 performance evaluations; notifications and written reports required; and information gathering and recording. This analysis presents a highest cost scenario by assuming that all plants are complying with the leak detection and repair program for fugitive emissions, which require more stringent recordkeeping and reporting than the alternative options. This burden estimate considered the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

Mamie R. Miller,

Acting Director, Manufacturing, Energy and Transportation Division, Office of Compliance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6375-9]

Underground Injection Control Program, Hazardous Waste Injection Restrictions; Petition for Exemption—Class I Hazardous Waste Injection; ASARCO, Inc.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final decision on injection well no migration petition.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that an exemption to the land disposal restrictions under the 1984 Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act has been granted to ASARCO, Inc., (ASARCO) for three Class I injection wells located at Amarillo, Texas. As required by 40 CFR part 148, the company has adequately demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Agency by petition and supporting documentation that, to a reasonable degree of certainty, there will be no migration of hazardous constituents from the injection zone for as long as the waste remains hazardous. This final decision allows the underground injection by ASARCO, of the specific restricted hazardous wastes identified in the exemption, into three Class I hazardous waste injection wells (WDW-129, WDW-273 and WDW-324) at the Amarillo, Texas facility, until July 1, 2009, unless EPA moves to terminate the exemption under provisions of 40 CFR 148.24. As required by 40 CFR 148.22(b) and 124.10, a public notice was issued April 26, 1999. The public comment period closed on June 10, 1999. No comments were received. This decision constitutes final Agency action and there is no Administrative appeal.

DATES: This action is effective as of July 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the petition and all pertinent information relating thereto are on file at the following location: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Water Quality Protection Division, Source Water Protection Branch (6WQ-S), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Dellinger, Chief Ground Water/

UIC Section, EPA—Region 6, telephone (214) 665-7165.

Shirley Bruce,

Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00613; FRL-6091-7]

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act [Public Law 92-463], EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is giving notice of a public meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 22, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the: Ramada Plaza Old Town, 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA; telephone number (703) 683-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Margie Fehrenbach or Terria Northern, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, (Rm. 1119), Arlington, VA 22202. Office telephone number: (703) 305-7090; Internet address: Fehrenbach.Margie@epamail.epa.gov or Northern.Terria@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PPDC is composed of a balanced group of participants from the following sectors: pesticide industry and user groups; federal agencies and state governments; consumer and environmental/public interest groups, including representatives from the general public; academia; and the public health community. The Committee was formed to foster communication and understanding among the parties represented on the Committee and with OPP, and to provide advice and guidance to the Agency regarding pesticide regulatory, policy, and implementation issues.

PPDC meetings are open to the public. Outside statements by observers are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to three to five minutes, and it

is preferred that only one person per organization present the statement. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Committee meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent file and will be provided to the Committee members for their information.

Materials will be available for public review at the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305-5805.

An agenda and background information are being developed and will be posted on the Agency's website, July 16, 1999 at: WWW.EPA.GOV/PESTICIDES. To date, topics planned for discussion at the July 21-22, 1999 meeting will include: Registration priority setting and status of resources; pesticide tolerance issues; the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program; worker risk assessments; and updates on several other topics, including FQPA science policies, section 18 Regulations, the Tolerance Fee Rule, and PPDC work group activities.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: July 6, 1999.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6376-1]

A & D Barrel & Drum Superfund Site; Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to enter into a cost recovery settlement pursuant to section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(h). The administrative settlement will resolve the settling party's liability for past response cost incurred by EPA at the A & D Barrel & Drum Superfund Site located in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should