

**Status of Submitted Budgets**

In Region VII, the only submitted budgets for transportation conformity purposes pertain to the St. Louis metropolitan area and that area's 15% plan and attainment demonstration for the pollutant ozone.

In a letter dated May 27, 1999, from EPA to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Region VII determined that the area's budgets are inadequate and we are publishing that finding in this document. As stated in the May 14, 1999, guidance, EPA's adequacy review is not to be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval or disapproval of the submitted SIPs. Approvability of the SIPs will be addressed in a future rulemaking.

Because the area has performed certain other emissions analyses, its transportation programs may continue despite this finding of inadequacy regarding submitted budgets. Furthermore, the state is anticipated to submit new budgets by November 15, 1999.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

**William Rice,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region VII.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6419-3]

**Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection to Proposed State Operating Permit for Monroe Electrical Generating Plant Entergy Louisiana, Inc.; Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of final order on petition to object to State operating permit.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that the EPA Administrator has partially granted and partially denied a petition to object to a proposed State operating permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to the Monroe Electrical Generating Plant, Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. Pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act (Act), petitioner may seek judicial review of those portions of the petition which EPA denied in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit within 60 days of this decision under section 307 of the Act.

**ADDRESSES:** You may review copies of the final order, the petition, and other supporting information at the EPA, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment at least 24 hours before visiting day. The final order is also available electronically at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/ramain.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jole Luehrs, Chief, Air Permitting Section, Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, EPA, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-7250, or electronic mail at [luehrs.jole@epa.gov](mailto:luehrs.jole@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Act affords EPA a 45-day period to review, and object to as appropriate, operating permits proposed by State permitting authorities. Section 505(b)(2) of the Act authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator within 60 days after the expiration of this review period to object to State operating permits if EPA has not done so. Petitions must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the State, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issues arose after this period.

Ms. Merrijane Yerger, Managing Director of the Citizens for Clean Air and Water (Petitioner), submitted a petition to the Administrator on February 9, 1999, seeking EPA's objection to the proposed title V operating permit to be issued to the Monroe Electrical Generating Plant (Monroe plant) owned and operated by Entergy Louisiana, Inc. (Entergy) and located in the city of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. The petition objects to issuance of the proposed permit on five grounds: (1) LDEQ failed to subject the Monroe plant to prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) review, (2) the maximum capacity of the Monroe plant may have been increased by some unknown method at some time between 1976 and the time of the title V application without being subject to PSD review and New Source Performance Standards, (3) the proposed permit fails to incorporate enforceable one-hour maximum emission rate limitations for sulfur dioxide and other criteria pollutants, (4) the proposed permit includes apparent annual emissions increases that suggest PSD review should be conducted for the sulfur dioxide emissions, and (5)

sufficient information has not been provided in Entergy's permit application to ensure compliance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act disposal requirements.

In addition, the Petitioner requested the following: (1) that EPA issue an information request letter to Entergy and the City of Monroe under section 114 of the Act, requiring them to disclose all matters raised by this petition; and (2) that EPA conduct an on-site inspection of the Monroe plant to determine whether PSD and NSPS have been triggered.

On June 11, 1999, the Administrator issued an order partially granting and partially denying the petition. The order explains the reasons behind EPA's conclusion that the proposed title V operating permit fails to assure compliance with applicable PSD requirements as set forth in the Louisiana State Implementation Plan. The order also explains the reasons for denying Petitioner's remaining claims.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

**W. B. Hathaway,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6419-8]

**Request for Applications for the National Environmental Education Advisory Council**

Due Date: September 24, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 9(a) and (b) of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (PL-101-619) mandates a National Environmental Education Advisory Council. The Advisory Council provides advice, consults with, and makes recommendations to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on matters relating to the activities, functions, and policies of EPA under the Act. EPA is requesting nominations of candidates for membership on the Council. The Act requires that the Council be comprised of eleven (11) members appointed by the Administrator of EPA, after consultation with the Secretary of U.S. Department of Education. Members represent a balance of perspectives, professional qualifications, and experience. The Act

specifies that members must represent the following:

- Primary and secondary education (one of whom shall be a classroom teacher)—two members.
- Colleges and universities—two members.
- Not-for-profit organizations involved in environmental education—two members.
- State departments of education and natural resources—two members.
- Business and industry—two members.

• Senior Americans—one member.

Members are chosen to represent the various geographic regions of the country, and the Council shall have minority representation. The professional backgrounds of Council members include scientific, policy, and other appropriate disciplines. Each member of the Council shall hold office for a one (1) to three (3) year period, which runs from November to November of each calendar year. Members are expected to participate in up to two (2) meetings per year and monthly or more conference calls per year. Members of the Council shall receive compensation and allowances, including travel expenses, at a rate fixed by the Administrator.

There are currently five (5) vacancies on the Advisory Council that must be filled.

- Business and Industry—one vacancy (Nov. 1999–Nov. 2002).
- College and University—one vacancy (Nov. 1999–Nov. 2002).
- State Department of Education—one vacancy (Nov. 1999–Nov. 2002).
- Non-Profit Organization—one vacancy (Nov. 1999–Nov. 2002).
- Primary/Secondary Education (must be an in-service classroom teacher)—one vacancy (Nov. 1999–Nov. 2002).

EPA particularly seeks candidates with demonstrated experience and/or knowledge in any of the following environmental education issue areas:

- Integrating environmental education into state and local education reform and improvement;
- State, local and tribal level capacity building;
- Cross-sector partnerships; leveraging resources for environmental education;
- Design and implementation of environmental education research
- Professional development for teachers and other education professionals; and
- Targeting under-represented audiences, including low-income and multi-cultural audiences, senior citizens, and other adults.

#### *Additional Considerations:*

The Council is looking for individuals who demonstrate the following:

- Ability to make the time commitment.
- Strong leadership skills.
- Strong analytical and writing skills.
- Ability to stand apart and evaluate programs in an unbiased fashion.
- Team players.
- Conviction to follow through and to meet deadlines.
- Ability to review items on short notice.

**DATES:** Applications to fill the existing vacancies on the Council must be submitted no later than September 24, 1999. The application must include the following:

- Name/address/phone/e-mail of applicant.
- 1–2 page resume (Please do not exceed 2 pages.)
- Two (2) letters of support for the applicant.
- One (1) page statement of “How the candidate is qualified.” This must not exceed one (1) page.
- One (1) page statement by the applicant on his/her personal perspective on environmental education. This must not exceed one (1) page.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit nominations to Ginger Keho, Advisory Council Coordinator, Office of Environmental Education, Office of Communications, Education and Media Relations (1704), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ginger Keho at the above address, or call (202) 260–4129. E-mail address: keho.ginger@epamail.epa.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council provides the Administrator with advice and recommendations on EPA implementation of the National Environmental Education Act. In general, the Act is designed to increase public understanding of environmental issues and problems, and to improve the training of environmental education professionals. EPA will achieve these goals, in part, by awarding grants and/or establishing partnerships with other Federal agencies, state and local education and natural resource agencies, not-for-profit organizations, universities, and the private sector to encourage and support environmental education and training programs. The Council is also responsible for preparing a national biennial report to Congress that will describe and assess the extent and quality of environmental education, discuss major obstacles to improving environmental education, and identify

the skill, education, and training needs for environmental professionals.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

**David L. Cohen,**

*Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Communications, Education and Media Relations.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPPTS–51926; FRL–6077–2]

### **Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to publish a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from March 1, 1999, to March 19, 1999, consists of the PMNs and TMEs, both pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

These notices were inadvertently excluded when the Agency announced its receipt of PMNs and TME's for March 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Augustyniak, Associate Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone numbers: 202–554–1404 and TDD: 202–554–0551; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Does This Action Apply to Me?**

This action is directed to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe the specific entities that this action may apply to.