

Copies of the filing were served upon all persons listed on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary, representatives of customers having service agreements under the Cinergy Open Access Transmission Tariff, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Public Utility Commission of Ohio and the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

Comment date: November 23, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.

[Docket No. OA97-444-002]

Take notice that on October 19, 1998, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (VELCO) tendered a filing in compliance with the Commission's Order of September 18, 1998 in this docket.

Copies of this filing were served on parties in this proceeding, the Vermont Department of Public Service, and the Vermont Public Service Board.

Comment date: November 23, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Central Illinois Light Co., QST Energy Trading Inc.

[Docket Nos. OA97-451-002 and OA97-596-003]

Take notice that on October 19, 1998, QST Energy Trading Inc. (QST Trading) and Central Illinois Light Co. made a revised filing of their Standards of Conduct as required by the Commission's Order issued September 18, 1998.

Comment date: November 23, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the

Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6183-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal: Comment Request; State Program Adequacy Determination—Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (MSWLFs) and Non-municipal, Non-hazardous Waste Disposal Units that Receive Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) Hazardous Waste

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): State Program Adequacy Determination—Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (MSWLFs) and Non-municipal, Non-hazardous Waste Disposal Units that Receive Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) Hazardous Waste, ICR Number 1608.02. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed continuing information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-98-SIP-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address below. Comments also may be submitted electronically through the Internet to: <cradocket@epamail.epa.gov>. Comments in electronic format also should be identified by the docket number F-98-SIP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Commenters should not electronically submit any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page. The index and supporting materials are available electronically.

The ICR is available on the Internet. Follow these instructions to access the information electronically:

WWW: <www.epa.gov/epaoswer/nonh-w/muncpl.landfill.htm>

FTP: ftp.epa.gov

Login: anonymous

Password: your Internet address

Files are located in </pub/epaoswer>.

The official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will include all comments submitted in writing. EPA's response to comments, both written and electronic, will be placed in the official record. The Agency's response to major comments may also be published in a document in the "Federal Register." EPA will not immediately reply to commenters electronically other than to seek clarification of electronic comments that may be garbled in transmission or during conversion to paper form, as discussed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346 or TDD (800) 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, call (703) 412-9810 or TDD (703) 412-3323.

For more detailed information on specific aspects of the rulemaking, contact Karen Rudek, Office of Solid Waste (5306W), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, (703) 308-1682, or <rudek.karen@epamail.epa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are states that seek approval of permit programs for MSWLFs and for non-municipal, non-

hazardous waste disposal units that receive CESQG waste.

Title: State Program Adequacy Determination—Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (MSWLFs) and Non-municipal, Non-hazardous Waste Disposal Units that Receive Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) Hazardous Waste, ICR Number 1608.02, renewal of ICR Number 1608.01, which expires April 30, 1999.

Abstract: Section 4010(c) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976 requires that EPA revise the landfill criteria promulgated under paragraph (1) of section 4004(a) and section 1008(a)(3). Section 4005(c) of RCRA, as amended by the Hazardous Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, requires states to develop and implement permit programs to ensure that MSWLFs and non-municipal, non-hazardous waste disposal units that receive household hazardous waste or CESQG hazardous waste are in compliance with the revised criteria for the design and operation of non-municipal, non-hazardous waste disposal units under 40 CFR part 257, subpart B and MSWLFs under 40 CFR part 258. (40 CFR part 257, subpart B and 40 CFR part 258 are henceforth referred to as the "revised federal criteria.") Section 4005(c) of RCRA further mandates the EPA Administrator to determine the adequacy of state permit programs to ensure owner and/or operator compliance with the revised federal criteria. A state program that is deemed adequate to ensure compliance may afford flexibility to owners or operators in the approaches they use to meet federal requirements, significantly reducing the burden associated with compliance.

In response to the statutory requirement in section 4005(c), EPA developed 40 CFR part 239, commonly referred to as the State Implementation Rule (SIR). The SIR describes the state application and EPA review procedures and defines the elements of an adequate state permit program.

The collection of information from the state during the permit program adequacy determination process allows EPA to evaluate whether a program for which approval is requested is appropriate in structure and authority to ensure owner or operator compliance with the revised federal criteria. The SIR does not require the use of a particular application form. Section 239.3 of the SIR, however, requires that all state applications contain the following five components:

(1) A transmittal letter requesting permit program approval.

(2) A narrative description of the state permit program, including a demonstration that the state's standards for non-municipal, non-hazardous waste disposal units that receive CESQG hazardous waste are technically comparable to the part 257, subpart B criteria and/or that its MSWLF standards are technically comparable to the part 258 criteria.

(3) A legal certification demonstrating that the state has the authority to carry out the program.

(4) Copies of state laws, regulations, and guidance that the state believes demonstrate program adequacy.

(5) Copies of relevant state-tribal agreements if the state has negotiated with a tribe for the implementation of a permit program for non-municipal, non-hazardous waste disposal units that receive CESQG hazardous waste and/or MSWLFs on tribal lands.

The EPA Administrator has delegated the authority to make determinations of adequacy, as contained in the statute, to the EPA Regional Administrator. The appropriate EPA Regional Office, therefore, will use the information provided by each state to determine whether the state's permit program satisfies the statutory test reflected in the requirements of 40 CFR part 239. In all cases, the information will be analyzed to determine the adequacy of the state's permit program for ensuring compliance with the federal revised criteria.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

EPA is soliciting comments to:

(1) 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.

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

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

Burden Statement: 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 enable them to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The total burden for states, territories, and the EPA regions for the collection and evaluation of information under this ICR is estimated to be about 19,500 hours and \$583,000. The estimated burden includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining necessary data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The ICR supporting statement describes the assumptions and information sources used to develop the burden estimate for this ICR. For a copy of the supporting statement, contact Karen Rudek at (703) 308-1682, or e-mail <rudek.karen@epamail.epa.gov>. Requests should reference the document title, "Supporting Statement for EPA Information Collection Request #1608.02." There is no recordkeeping burden associated with this ICR.

Dated: October 21, 1998.

Matthew Hale,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6182-7]

Final NPDES General Permit for New and Existing Sources and New Dischargers in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Category for the Western Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico (GMG290000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Final NPDES General Permit.

SUMMARY: EPA Region 6 today issues in part the National Pollutant Discharge