ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection To State Operating Permit for the U.S. Department of Energy-Hanford Operations, Benton County, Washington

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final Order on Petition for objection to Clean Air Act title V operating permit.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed an Order, dated October 15, 2018, granting a petition dated September 1, 2016, filed by Bill Green of Richland, Washington. The Petition requested that the EPA object to a Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permit ( Permit No. 00–05–006, Renewal 2, Revision B) issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) to DOE for the Hanford site located in Benton County, Washington.


Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Allocations of Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Allowances From New Unit Set-Asides for 2018 Control Periods

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of data availability (NODA).

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing notice of the availability of preliminary lists of units eligible for second-round allocations of emission allowances for the 2018 control periods from the new unit set-asides (NUSAs) established under the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) review period if the EPA has not objected on its own initiative. 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 unless the grounds for the issue arose after this period.

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The Petition claims that Ecology did not, as required by 40 CFR 70.7(b)(2), make available during the public comment period all of the information that the permitting authority had deemed to be relevant by using it in the permitting process.

On October 15, 2018, the EPA Administrator issued an Order granting the Petition. The Order explains the basis for EPA’s decision.

Sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the CAA provide that a petitioner may ask for judicial review of those portions of an order that deny issues raised in a petition. Any petition for review shall be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit no later than February 4, 2019.

Dated: November 21, 2018.

Michelle L. Pirzadeh,
Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region 10.

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EPA has posted spreadsheets containing the lists on EPA’s website. EPA will consider timely objections to the lists before determining the amounts of the second-round allocations.

DATES: Objections to the information referenced in this notice must be received on or before January 4, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your objections via email to CSAPR_NUSA@epa.gov. Include “2018 NUSA allocations” in the email subject line and include your name, title, affiliation, address, phone number, and email address in the body of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning this action should be addressed to Kenon Smith at (202) 343-9164 or smith.kenon@epa.gov or Jason Kuhns at (202) 564–3236 or kuhns.jason@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under each CSAPR trading program where EPA is responsible for determining emission allowance allocations, a portion of each state’s emissions budget for the program for each control period is reserved in a NUSA (and in an additional Indian country NUSA in the case of states with Indian country within their borders) for allocation to certain units that would not otherwise receive allowance allocations. The procedure for identifying the eligible units for each control period and for allocating allowances from the NUSAs and Indian country NUSAs to these units are set forth in the CSAPR trading program regulations at 40 CFR 97.411(b) and 97.412 (NOX Annual), 97.511(b) and 97.512 (NOX Ozone Season Group 1), 97.611(b) and 97.612 (NOX Ozone Season Group 2), 97.711(b) and 97.712 (SO2 Group 1), and 97.811(b) and 97.812 (NOX Ozone Season Group 2). Each NUSA allowance allocation process involves up to two rounds of allocations to eligible units, termed “new” units, followed by the allocation to “existing” units of any allowances not allocated to new units. This notice concerns EPA’s preliminary identification of units eligible to receive allowances in the second round of NUSA allocations for the 2018 control periods. The units eligible for second-round allocations for a given control period are CSAPR-affected units that commenced commercial operation between January 1 of the year before that control period and November 30 of that year of that control period. In the case of the 2018 control periods, an eligible unit therefore must have commenced commercial operation between January 1, 2017 and November 30, 2018 (inclusive). Generally, where a unit is eligible to receive a second-round NUSA allocation under a given CSAPR trading program for a given control period, the unit’s maximum potential second-round allocation equals the positive difference (if any) between the unit’s emissions during the control period as reported under 40 CFR part 75 and any first-round NUSA allocation the unit received. If the total of such maximum potential allocations to all eligible units would exceed the total allowances remaining in the NUSA, the allocations are reduced on a pro-rata basis. EPA notes that under 40 CFR 97.406(c)(3), 97.506(c)(3), 97.606(c)(3), 97.706(c)(3), and 97.806(c)(3), a unit’s emissions occurring before its monitor certification deadline are not considered to have occurred during a control period and consequently are not included in the emission amounts used to determine NUSA allocations.

The preliminary lists of eligible units are set forth in Excel spreadsheets titled “CSAPR_NUSA_2018 NOX Annual 2nd Round Prelim Data,” “CSAPR_NUSA_2018 NOX Ozone Season 2nd Round Prelim Data,” and “CSAPR_NUSA_2018 SO2 2nd Round Prelim Data” available on EPA’s website at https://www.epa.gov/csapr/csapr-compliance-year-2018-nusa-nodas. Each spreadsheet contains a separate worksheet for each state covered by that program showing each unit preliminarily identified as eligible for a second-round NUSA allocation. Each state worksheet also contains a summary showing (1) the quantity of allowances initially available in that state’s 2018 NUSA, (2) the sum of the 2018 NUSA allocation allocations that were made in the first round to new units in that state, if any, and (3) the quantity of allowances in the 2018 NUSA available for second-round allocations to new units (or ultimately for allocations to existing units), if any. Objections must be strictly limited to whether EPA has correctly identified the units eligible for second-round 2018 NUSA allocations according to the criteria established in the regulations and should be emailed to the address identified in ADDRESSES. Objections must include: (1) Precise identification of the specific data the commenter believes are inaccurate, (2) new proposed data upon which the commenter believes EPA should rely instead, and (3) the reasons why EPA should rely on the commenter’s proposed data and not the data referenced in this notice.

EPA notes that an allocation or lack of allocation of allowances to a given unit does not constitute a determination that CSAPR does or does not apply to the unit. EPA also notes that under 40 CFR 97.411(c), 97.511(c), 97.611(c), 97.711(c), and 97.811(c), allocations are subject to potential correction if a unit to which NUSA allowances have been allocated for a given control period is not actually an affected unit as of the start of that control period. (Authority: 40 CFR 97.411(b), 97.511(b), 97.611(b), 97.711(b), and 97.811(b).)

Dated: November 1, 2018.

Reid P. Harvey,
Director, Clean Air Markets Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation.

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