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A2. Development Application—Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A9. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

B1. Protests or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

D7. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and

the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Lindwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5968-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; General Conformity of Federal Actions to State Implementation Plans

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: 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 proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Determining Conformity of General Federal Actions to State Implementation Plans, OMB Control Number 2060-0279, ICR number 1637.03, expiration date: April 30, 1998. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the supporting statement may be obtained from the Ozone Policy and Strategy Group, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711 or is available

at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/meta.19078.1.General.Doc.19078.2.Gencon.Log.and.19078.3.Gencon.xls>.

Comments must be mailed to David H. Stonefield, Ozone Policy and Strategies Group, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, MD-15, Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Stonefield, telephone: 919-541-5350, Facsimile: 919-541-0824, E-MAIL: stonefield.dave@epamail.epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which take Federal actions, or are subject to Federal actions, and emit pollutants above de minimis levels.

Title: Determining Conformity of General Federal Actions to State Implementation Plans, OMB Control Number 2060-0279, ICR number 1637.03, expiration date: April 30, 1998.

Abstract: Before any agency, department, or instrumentality of the Federal government engages in, supports in any way, provides financial assistance for, licenses, permits, approves any activity, that agency has the affirmative responsibility to ensure that such action conforms to the State implementation plan (SIP) for the attainment and maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). 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. Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*) requires that all Federal actions conform with the SIPs to attain and maintain the NAAQS. The EPA's implementing regulations require Federal entities to make a conformity determination for all actions which will impact areas designated as nonattainment or maintenance for the NAAQS and which will result in total direct and indirect emissions in excess of de minimis levels. The Federal entities must collect information on the SIP requirements and the pollution sources to make the conformity determination. Depending on the type of action, the Federal entities either collect the information themselves, hire consultants to collect the information or require applicants/sponsors of the Federal action to provide the information.

The type and quantity of information required will depend on the

circumstances surrounding the action. First, the entity must make an applicability determination. If the net total direct and indirect emissions do not exceed de minimis levels established in the regulations or if the action meets certain criteria for an exemption, a conformity determination is not required. Actions requiring conformity determinations vary from straightforward, requiring minimal information, to complex, requiring significant amounts of information. The Federal entity must determine the type and quantity of information on a case-by-case basis. State and local air pollution control agencies are usually requested to provide information to the Federal entities making a conformity determination and are provided opportunities to comment on the proposed determinations. The public is also provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed determinations.

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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (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 appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The estimated annual projected hour burden and cost for the respondents (generally Federal agencies) are 32,560 hours and \$1,118,119. The estimated annual projected hour burden and cost for the State and local agencies are 1,156 hours and \$323,354. The estimated annual projected hour burden and cost for the EPA are 1,846 hours and \$51,173. 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; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: February 6, 1998.

John Seitz,

Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5955-2]

Guidance for Implementing the 1-Hour Ozone and Pre-Existing PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the EPA has issued guidance for continuing the implementation of the Clean Air Act requirements for the 1-hour ozone and pre-existing PM₁₀ (particles with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers) NAAQS following EPA's promulgation of the new 8-hour ozone (62 FR 38856, July 18, 1997) and PM (62 FR 38652, July 18, 1997) NAAQS. The EPA has issued the guidance to ensure that momentum is maintained by the States in their current programs while moving toward developing their plans for implementing the new NAAQS, and it applies to all areas now subject to the 1-hour ozone standard and the pre-existing PM₁₀ standard regardless of attainment status. On July 16, 1997 (62 FR 38421, July 18, 1997), President Clinton issued a directive to EPA Administrator Browner on implementation of the new standards for ozone and PM. In that directive, the President laid out a plan on how these new standards, as well as the current 1-hour ozone and pre-existing PM standards, are to be implemented. The guidance reflects the Presidential Directive.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the guidance are available from the World Wide Web site listed in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions and comments on the ozone portion of this guidance, contact

Ms. Sharon Reinders, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5284; for specific questions and comments on the PM portion of this guidance, contact Ms. Robin Dunkins, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Research Triangle Park NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this guidance is to set forth EPA's current views on key issues regarding the ongoing programs implemented by State, local and tribal air pollution control agencies to attain the 1-hour ozone and pre-existing PM₁₀ NAAQS. These issues will be addressed in future rulemakings as appropriate. The EPA will propose to take a particular action based in whole or in part on its views of the relevant issues, and the public will have an opportunity to comment on EPA's interpretations during the rulemakings. When EPA issues final rules based on its reviews, those views will be binding on the States, the public, and EPA as a matter of law.

Electronic Availability

A World Wide Web (WWW) site has been developed for overview information on the NAAQS and the ozone, PM, and regional haze (RH) implementation process. The Uniform Resource Location (URL) for the home page of the web site is <http://ttnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov/implement>. For assistance, the TTN Helpline is (919) 541-5384. For those persons without electronic capability, a copy may be obtained from Ms. Tricia Crabtree, MD-15, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, RTP NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5688.

Dated: February 6, 1998.

Henry C. Thomas,

Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5967-9]

Open Meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group.

SUMMARY: As required by section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory