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Summaries

AIR

Alabama SIP/Volatile Organic Compounds, Particulate Emissions

AIR

Direct final rule of the EPA approves revisions to the Alabama SIP that modify the definition of “volatile organic compounds” by adding tertiary butyl acetate and 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoro-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxyl) ethane to the list of negligibly reactive compounds. The revisions also remove recordkeeping, emissions reporting, photochemical dispersion modeling, and inventory requirements for tertiary butyl acetate. In addition, the revisions remove particulate emission and opacity limits for wood waste boilers in Talladega County because no such sources exist in the county. The rule is effective Oct. 16, 2017, unless adverse comments are received by Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Richard Wong; EPA Region 4, Air Planning and Implementation Branch; 404-562-8726; wong.richard@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.50

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Regulatory Update

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Proposed rule of the EPA would approve revisions to the Alabama SIP that modify the definition of “volatile organic compounds” by adding tertiary butyl acetate and 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoro-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxyl) ethane to the list of negligibly reactive compounds. The revisions also remove recordkeeping, emissions reporting, photochemical dispersion modeling, and inventory requirements for tertiary butyl acetate. In addition, the revisions remove particulate emission and opacity limits for wood waste boilers in Talladega County because no such sources exist in the county. A concurrent direct final rule adopts the revisions, effective Oct. 16, 2017. Comments are due Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Richard Wong; EPA Region 4, Air Planning and Implementation Branch; 404-562-8726; wong.richard@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.50

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Regulatory Update

AIR

Georgia SIP/Cross-State Air Pollution Rule

AIR

Proposed rule of the EPA would approve portions of a revision to the Georgia SIP that establish Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) state trading programs for annual nitrogen oxides, annual sulfur dioxide, and ozone season NOx emissions. The revision replaces the federal implementation (FIP) requirement for large electric-generating units (EGUs) to participate in the corresponding CSAPR federal trading programs. The rule would eliminate the obligation of state EGUs under CSAPR FIPs addressing interstate transport requirements for the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour fine particulate matter NAAQS and the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS. Comments are due Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Ashten Bailey; EPA Region 4, Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division; 404-562-9164; bailey.ashten@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52

82 FR 38866 (08/16/2017)

Regulatory Update

AIR

North Carolina SIP/Transportation Conformity Requirements

AIR

Direct final rule of the EPA approves revisions to the North Carolina SIP regarding transportation conformity requirements. The revisions specify that transportation conformity requirements apply to areas identified as nonattainment or maintenance areas by the EPA or to areas listed in state regulation. The revisions also clarify the statement that transportation conformity requirements apply to areas “not in compliance with the primary standard” by identifying the applicable fine particulate matter and ozone standards. The rule is effective Oct. 16, 2017, unless adverse comments are received by Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Nacosta Ward; EPA Region 4, Air Planning and Implementation Branch; 404-562-9140; ward.nacosta@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.1770

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North Carolina SIP/Transportation Conformity Requirements

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Proposed rule of the EPA would approve revisions to the North Carolina SIP regarding transportation conformity requirements. The revisions specify that transportation conformity requirements apply to areas identified as nonattainment or maintenance areas by the EPA or to areas listed in state regulation. The revisions also clarify the statement that transportation conformity requirements apply to areas “not in compliance with the primary standard” by identifying the applicable fine particulate matter and ozone standards. A concurrent direct final rule adopts the provisions, effective Oct. 16, 2017. Comments are due Sept. 15, 2017. Contact:

Nacosta Ward; EPA Region 4, Air Planning and Implementation Branch; 404-562-9140; ward.nacosta@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.1770

82 FR 38864 (08/16/2017)

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South Carolina SIP/Air Pollution Control Standards

AIR

Direct final rule of the EPA approves portions of revisions to the South Carolina SIP concerning air pollution control standards. The revisions address emissions from fuel burning operations and process industries. The rule takes no action on revisions regarding administrative and clarifying changes. The rule is effective Oct. 16, 2017, unless adverse comments are received by Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Richard Wong; EPA Region 4, Air Planning and Implementation Branch; 404-562-8726; wong.richard@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.2120

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South Carolina SIP/Air Pollution Control Standards

AIR

Proposed rule of the EPA would approve portions of revisions to the South Carolina SIP concerning air pollution control standards. The revisions address emissions from fuel burning operations and process industries. The rule would take no action on revisions regarding administrative and clarifying changes. A concurrent direct final rule adopts the revisions, effective Oct. 16, 2017. Comments are due Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Richard Wong; EPA Region 4, Air Planning and Implementation Branch; 404-562-8726; wong.richard@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.2120

82 FR 38874 (08/16/2017)

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South Carolina SIP/VOC and NOx Standards

AIR

Direct final rule of the EPA approves revisions to the South Carolina SIP regarding standards for volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides emissions from process industries. The revisions clarify the applicability of standard requirements for new sources and the exemption of combustion control devices. The revisions also modify the number of hours of operation for testing and maintenance for exempted emergency generators. The EPA is not taking action on certain revisions associated with permit requirements, process industries emissions, definitions, source tests, air pollution episodes, nonattainment new source review, and control of fugitive particulate matter. The rule is effective Oct. 16, 2017, unless adverse comments are received by Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Brad Akers; EPA Region 4, Air Planning and Implementation Branch; 404-

562-9089; akers.brad@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.2120

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South Carolina SIP/VOC and NOx Standards

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Proposed rule of the EPA would approve revisions to the South Carolina SIP regarding standards for volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides emissions from process industries. The revisions clarify the applicability of standard requirements for new sources and the exemption of combustion control devices. The revisions also modify the number of hours of operation for testing and maintenance for exempted emergency generators. The EPA is not taking action on certain revisions associated with permit requirements, process industries emissions, definitions, source tests, air pollution episodes, nonattainment new source review, and control of fugitive particulate matter. A concurrent direct final rule adopts the provisions, effective Oct. 16, 2017. Comments are due Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Brad Akers; EPA Region 4, Air Planning and Implementation Branch; 404-562-9089; akers.brad@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.2120

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South Dakota SIP/Infrastructure Requirements

AIR

Final rule of the EPA approves portions of revisions to the South Dakota SIP regarding infrastructure requirements for the 2010 sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and 2012 fine particulate matter (PM-2.5) NAAQS. The rule takes no action on revisions regarding 2010 SO₂ or 2012 PM-2.5 NAAQS (prongs 1 and 2), which will be addressed in a separate action. The rule is effective Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Abby Fulton; EPA Region 8, Air Program; 303-312-6563; fulton.abby@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.2170

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AIR

Vermont SIP/Regional Haze Progress Report

AIR

Direct final rule of the EPA approves a revision to the Vermont SIP regarding the state's regional haze five-year progress report. The revision addresses the state's finding that the Lye Brook Class I Wilderness area, in the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union region, is on track to meet the reasonable progress goals for 2018 based on observed visibility improvement. The rule is effective Oct. 16, 2017, unless adverse comments are received by Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Anne McWilliams; EPA Region 1, Air Quality Planning Unit; 617-918-1697; mcwilliams.anne@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.2370

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Vermont SIP/Regional Haze Progress Report

AIR

Proposed rule of the EPA would approve a revision to the Vermont SIP regarding the state's regional haze five-year progress report. The revision addresses the state's finding that the Lye Brook Class I Wilderness area, in the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union region, is on track to meet the reasonable progress goals for 2018 based on observed visibility improvement. A concurrent direct final rule adopts the revision, effective Oct. 16, 2017. Comments are due Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Anne McWilliams; EPA Region 1, Air Quality Planning Unit; 617-918-1697; mcwilliams.anne@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.2370

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Regulatory Update

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Alaska/Marine Mammal Incidental Take

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Notice of the National Marine Fisheries Service announces the issuance of an incidental harassment authorization to Quintillion Subsea Operations LLC, of Anchorage, Alaska, to take small numbers of 13 species of marine mammals incidental to subsea cable-laying and maintenance activities in the Beaufort, Bering, and Chukchi seas. The authorization allows take in the form of level B harassment during the completion of installation of a 47-mile Oliktok branch cable, system testing, branching unit burial, and operations and maintenance of any areas that do not meet testing requirements. The authorization also establishes mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements. NMFS has determined that the issuance of the authorization for Quintillion's 2017 activities falls within the scope of the 2016 environmental assessment for the project and that issuance of the authorization would not result in significant adverse effects on the human environment. The authorization is valid July 1, 2017, through Nov. 15, 2017. Contact: Shane Guan; NMFS, Office of Protected Resources; 301-427-8401

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Regulatory Update

FOOD SAFETY

Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Meeting

FOOD SAFETY

Notice of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, announces a meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria. The agenda includes discussion of the stewardship of antibiotic prescription and use; reports on final findings from three working groups on incentives for diagnostics, therapeutics/anti-infectives, and vaccines; and updates from federal agencies on achievements associated with the National

Action Plan on Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria. The meeting is scheduled for Sept. 13-14, 2017, in Washington, D.C., and via webcast. Comments are due Sept. 5, 2017. Contact: Jomana Musmar; HHS, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health; 202-690-5566; CARB@hhs.gov

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Regulatory Update

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products, Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committees

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of the FDA announces a meeting of the Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee and the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee to discuss a supplemental new drug application (sNDA 021306) submitted by Purdue Pharma L.P., of Stamford, Conn., for butrans transdermal system in pediatric patients ages seven through 16. The product is indicated for severe pain management. The committees also will discuss the findings of the clinical study of butrans conducted in pediatric patients and whether they support additional labeling. The meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14, 2017, in Silver Spring, Md. Comments are due Sept. 13, 2017. Contact: Stephanie Begansky; FDA, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; 301-796-9001; AADPAC@fda.hhs.gov

82 FR 38909 (08/16/2017)

Regulatory Update

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Determination Concerning Safety and Effectiveness/Cordarone

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of the FDA announces a determination that Cordarone (amiodarone hydrochloride) tablets, 200 milligrams, was not withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness. The determination allows the FDA to approve abbreviated new drug applications for the product if all other legal and regulatory requirements are met. Contact: Jennifer Forde; FDA, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; 301-348-3035

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Electric Emergency Incident and Disturbance Report

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice announces the intention of the Energy Information Administration to seek OMB approval for a revised information collection request concerning the electric emergency incident and disturbance report (Form OE-417). The Energy Department uses the form to monitor emergencies and significant incidents that affect electric power systems. The information collected allows the agency to conduct post-incident reviews examining significant interruptions of electric power or

threats to the national electric system. Revisions to the form include incorporation of nine questions that are or will be included in the North American Electric Reliability Corp. EOP-004 reliability standard event reporting form, thus requiring entities to only submit Form OE-417. The form also includes a revised data protection policy for information currently protected from public release to clarify which information will or will not be disclosed. Comments are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: Matthew Tardugno; Energy Department; 202-586-2982; matthew.tardugno@hq.doe.gov

82 FR 38899 (08/16/2017)

Regulatory Update

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Mississippi/Index 301 Pipeline Abandonment by Sale

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of FERC announces the filing of a prior notice request by Gulf South Pipeline Co., of Houston, to abandon by sale to Sundown Energy Inc., of Dallas, approximately 8.1 miles of Index 301 pipeline located in Perry County, Miss. The agency plans to complete an environmental assessment or issue a notice of schedule of environmental review by Nov. 7, 2017. Protests and motions to intervene are due Oct. 9, 2017. Contact: FERC, Office of External Affairs; 866-208-3676; FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Pennsylvania/Line YM28 and FM120 Modernization Project

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of FERC announces the schedule of environmental review for the proposed Line YM28 and Line FM120 Modernization Project in Cameron, Elk, and McKean counties in Pennsylvania. The project, proposed by National Fuel Gas Supply Corp., of Williamsville, N.Y., consists of construction of 14.4 miles of new pipeline, installation of 5.8 miles of pipeline within existing pipeline of Line FM120, removal from service of 12.5 miles of Line FM120, and abandonment of 7.7 miles of Line YM28. The issuance of the environmental assessment is scheduled for Sept. 29, 2017, and the 90-day federal authorization decision is due Dec. 28, 2017. Contact: FERC, Office of External Affairs; 866-208-3676; FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Withdrawal of Approval of Abbreviated New Drug Application/Zaleplon

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of the FDA announces the withdrawal of approval of an abbreviated new drug application for Zaleplon capsules, 5 milligrams (mg) and 10 mg, held by Upsher-Smith Laboratories Inc., of Maple Grove, Minn. The applicant requested the withdrawal due to its intent not to submit

bioequivalence data. The withdrawal is effective Aug. 16, 2017. Contact: Stefanie Kraus; FDA, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; 301-796-9585. Citations: 21 CFR 314.150

82 FR 38911 (08/16/2017)

Regulatory Update

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION

Household Goods Brokers/Consumer Protection for Shippers

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION

Notice of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announces the submission of a revised information collection request to the OMB regarding the practices of household goods (HHG) brokers. The collection addresses requirements for brokers to provide individual shippers with a booklet regarding rights and responsibilities and a brochure, a list of HHG motor carriers for which it would arrange transportation to move a potential shipper's HHG, and the broker's USDOT number. The revisions include removal of one-time costs that were previously incurred by brokers to obtain compliance and updates to other wage-related costs. Comments are due Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: Monique Riddick; FMCSA, Commercial Enforcement and Investigations Division; 202-366-8045; monique.reddick@dot.gov. Citations: 49 CFR 371

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION

Railroad Safety Advisory/Electrode-Induced Rail Pitting

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION

Notice of the Federal Railroad Administration announces the availability of a draft safety advisory to alert railroads, contractors, and the rail welding industry of the potential for electrode-induced rail pitting and fatigue cracking during the pressure electric rail welding process. The advisory includes recommendations for preventing, identifying, and remediating such pitting. The advisory was prepared in response to several broken rail accidents in which the agency found fractures in the rail web. Comments are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: Matthew Brewer; FRA, Office of Railroad Safety; 202-385-2209

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Regulatory Update

MINING

Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund/Fee Collection and Coal Reporting

MINING

Notice announces the intention of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to seek OMB approval for a continuing information collection request regarding the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund fee collection and coal production reporting and the coal reclamation fee report (Form OSM-1). The collection gathers quarterly information concerning coal produced for sale, transfer, or use nationwide; the method of coal removal and the type of coal; and the basis for coal tonnage reporting in order to assess individual reclamation fee payment liability.

Comments are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: John Trelease; OSMRE; 202-208-2783; jtrelease@osmre.gov. Citations: 30 CFR 870

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MINING

Abandoned Mine Reclamation Funds

MINING

Notice announces the intention of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to seek OMB approval for a continuing information collection request regarding abandoned mine reclamation funds. The collection addresses procedures for states and Indian tribes to submit written statements announcing decisions not to submit reclamation plans, which result in abandoned mine land funds not being granted. Comments are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: John Trelease; OSMRE; 202-208-2783; jtrelease@osmre.gov. Citations: 30 CFR 872

82 FR 38931 (08/16/2017)

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MINING

Surface Mining/Blaster Certification

MINING

Notice announces the intention of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to seek OMB approval for a continuing information collection request concerning the certification of blasters in federal program states and on Indian lands and the related Form OSM-74. The information collected, along with blasting tests, is used to determine applicant eligibility for blaster certification. Comments are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: John Trelease; OSMRE; 202-208-2783; jtrelease@osmre.gov. Citations: 30 CFR 955

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MINING

Surface and Underground Mining/Permanent Program Performance Standards

MINING

Notice announces the intention of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to seek OMB approval for a continuing information collection request regarding permanent program performance standards for surface and underground mining activities. Comments are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: John Trelease; OSMRE; 202-208-2783; jtrelease@osmre.gov. Citations: 30 CFR 816, 817

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MINING

Underground Coal Mining Reclamation Plans/Subsidence Insurance Program Grants

MINING

Notice announces the intention of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to seek OMB approval for a continuing information collection request regarding Subsidence Insurance Program grants. The collection facilitates agency funding requests by states and Indian tribes for insurance programs for their self-sustaining underground coal mining reclamation plans to hedge against private property damages. Comments are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: John Trelease; OSMRE; 202-208-2783; jtrelease@osmre.gov. Citations: 30 CFR 887

82 FR 38930 (08/16/2017)

Regulatory Update

MINING

Underground Coal Mining Reclamation and Operation Plans

MINING

Notice announces the intention of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to seek OMB approval for a continuing information collection request regarding underground mining permit application requirements. The collection addresses the submission of operations and reclamation plans and the establishment of mining operation performance standards by applicants. The agency uses the collected information to determine if applicants can comply with applicable performance and environmental standards. Comments are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: John Trelease; OSMRE; 202-208-2783; jtrelease@osmre.gov. Citations: 30 CFR 784

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Regulatory Update

PESTICIDES

Pesticide Tolerance Exemption/1-Triacontanol

PESTICIDES

Final rule of the EPA establishes an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of biochemical pesticide 1-triacontanol in or on all food commodities when used in accordance with label directions and good agricultural practices. The rule is issued in response to a petition filed on behalf of CH Biotech R&D Co., of Magnolia, Texas. The rule is effective Aug. 16, 2017. Objections and hearing requests are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: Robert McNally; EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs; 703-305-7090; BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 180.1345

82 FR 38849 (08/16/2017)

Regulatory Update

PESTICIDES

Pesticide Tolerance Exemption/Polymers

PESTICIDES

Final rule of the EPA establishes an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of fatty acids, rape-oil, triesters with polyethylene glycol ether with glycerol (3:1) (CAS No. 688045-21-8) when used as an inert ingredient in a pesticide chemical formulation on food or feed commodities. The rule is issued in response to a petition filed by Seppic Inc., of Fairfield, N.J. The rule is effective Aug. 16, 2017. Objections and hearing requests are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: Michael Goodis; EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs; 703-305-7090; RDRNotices@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 180.960

82 FR 38846 (08/16/2017)

Regulatory Update

PESTICIDES

Pesticide Tolerance/Prothioconazole

PESTICIDES

Final rule of the EPA establishes a tolerance for residues of the fungicide prothioconazole in or on sunflower subgroup 20B at 0.2 parts per million. The rule is issued in response to a petition filed by Bayer CropScience, of Research Triangle Park, N.C. The rule is effective Aug. 16, 2017. Objections and hearing requests are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: Michael Goodis; EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs; 703-305-7090; RDRNotices@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 180.626

82 FR 38844 (08/16/2017)

Regulatory Update

RADIATION

NRC Agreement State Licensee Reporting Requirements

RADIATION

Notice of the NRC announces the submission of a continuing information collection request to the OMB regarding activities in nonagreement states, areas of exclusive federal jurisdiction, or offshore waters. The collection addresses the requirement for agreement state licensees who engage in the use of radioactive material in such areas under general licenses to file Form 241, copies of agreement state specific licenses, and appropriate fees at least three days before engaging in such activity. Comments are due Sept. 15, 2017. Contact: David Cullison; NRC; 301-415-2084; INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV. Citations: 10 CFR 150.20, 170.31

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Regulatory Update

SOLID WASTE

Land-Use-Exemption Permits/Solid Waste Rail Transfer Facilities

SOLID WASTE

Notice announces the intention of the Surface Transportation Board to seek OMB approval for a continuing information collection request concerning applications for land-use-exemption permits for solid waste rail transfer facilities. The collection addresses requirements for persons seeking such a permit to file an application that includes substantial facts and argument as to why the permit is necessary and an environmental report and/or an environmental impact

statement. Comments are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: Chris Oehrle; STB; 202-245-0271; pra@stb.gov. Citations: 49 CFR 1155.20, Appendix A

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Regulatory Update

SOLID WASTE

Solid Waste Management/Identification, Listing, and Rulemaking Petitions

SOLID WASTE

Notice announces the intention of the EPA to seek OMB approval for a revised information collection request regarding identification, listing, and rulemaking petitions concerning hazardous and nonhazardous solid waste management. The collection is a consolidation of previously approved RCRA information collection requests. The collection addresses the voluntary state development of permit programs in response to the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, to control coal combustion residuals and other solid waste materials placed in landfills and surface impoundments. The revision updates the respondent universe associated with the activity of submitting a solid waste management plan to the EPA for approval. Comments are due Oct. 16, 2017. Contact: Kirsten Hillyer; EPA, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery; 703-347-0369; hillyer.kirsten@epa.gov Citations: 40 CFR 257, Subpart D

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Energy and Climate Report

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News

Climate Science

Bison Returned From Brink Just in Time for Climate Change

Ted Turner owns more than 100,000 acres of pristine land in southwest Montana, complete with lush grassland and forested hills rolling with Douglas firs. There are populations of wolves, black and grizzly bears, deer, elk and pronghorn antelope ranging freely, some crossing from nearby Yellowstone Park. But the real stars of the Flying D Ranch are his thousands of bison, the American beast once hunted to the edge of extinction.

Energy

Democrats Prioritize Clean Energy Bid Ahead of Tax Talks

A Democratic proposal to overhaul and simplify the energy tax code could play a major role in broader tax negotiations on Capitol Hill, so long as Republicans choose to seek bipartisan input, Senate Democrats told Bloomberg BNA.

Energy

Ex-Justice Department Lawyer Tapped as Solicitor at Interior

Ryan Nelson, a lawyer who served in the Justice Department's environmental division, was tapped to be the solicitor of the Interior Department.

Energy

Fate of U.S. Nuclear Now Hinges on One Utility in Georgia

With a multibillion-dollar nuclear project in South Carolina dead, the fate of America's nuclear renaissance now rests on one utility: Southern Co.

Energy

Heller Continues Energy Nomination Block Over Yucca Concerns

Deputy Energy Secretary nominee Dan Brouillette hasn't responded to questions about plans for permanent nuclear waste storage at Yucca Mountain, Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.) says, so he is keeping a hold on Brouillette's nomination.

Motor Vehicles

Norway Boosts Hydrogen Cars With Refueling Station Subsidies

Hydrogen refueling station operators in Norway are eligible for up to 1 million kroner (\$158,900) annually in subsidies after a plan to boost the industry was approved by European regulators.

Oil & Gas

Billionaire Behind Dakota Access Defends New Natural Gas Line

Billionsaire pipeline magnate Kelcy Warren, who just months ago defeated environmentalists to finish his controversial Dakota Access oil pipeline, has stepped into the limelight once again—this time, to defend a natural gas line being built across the eastern U.S.

Oil & Gas

EPA Methane Standards Take Effect as Court Mulls Challenges

Methane emissions limits for the oil and gas industry must take effect even as a federal appeals court mulls legal challenges to the rule, indicating a decision could come soon.

Vehicle Fuels

Refiners Argue EPA Can Cut Biofuel Quota Despite Court Loss

Refiners told the Environmental Protection Agency to cut biofuel quotas for 2018, arguing that a federal court decision against the agency shouldn't prevent it from setting targets below levels enshrined in law.

Vehicle Fuels

Refiners' Biofuel Costs Add Urgency to Calls to Revise Mandate

Higher costs underscore fuel refiners' urgency in seeking to change the government's biofuel mandate.

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