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Summaries

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SAB Risk and Technology Review Methods Panel Meeting

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Notice of the EPA announces a meeting of the Science Advisory Board Risk and Technology Review Methods Panel to discuss the draft report on screening methodologies to support risk and technology reviews (May 2017 external review draft). The report reviews newly developed screening methods designed to assess the risk to public health and the environment that would remain after stationary sources of hazardous air pollutants come into compliance with the EPA's maximum available control technologies standards. The meeting is scheduled for Dec. 5, 2017, via teleconference. Comments are due Nov. 28, 2017. Contact: Bryan Bloomer; EPA; 202-564-4222; bloomers.bryan@epa.gov

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Texas SIP and FIP/Regional Haze

AIR

Final rule of the EPA partially approves and partially disapproves a revision to the Texas SIP for regional haze and the Texas federal implementation plan (FIP). The partial approval addresses the state's determination that its electric generating units (EGUs) are not subject to best available retrofit technology (BART) for particulate matter (PM). The partial disapproval addresses the finding that the BART alternatives to address sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrogen dioxide BART at state EGUs meet the interstate visibility transport requirements for 1997 eight-hour ozone, 1997 24-hour and annual PM-2.5, 2006 24-hour PM-2.5, 2008 eight-hour ozone, 2010 one-hour nitrogen dioxide, and 2010 one-hour SO₂ NAAQS. The rule is in response to the remand of certain Cross-State Air Pollution Rule emission budgets. The rule is effective Nov. 16, 2017. Michael Feldman; EPA Region 6; 214-665-9793; Feldman.Michael@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 52.2270, 52.2304, 52.2312, 40 CFR 97, Subpart FFFFF

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Vermont/Partial Delegation of NSPS

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Notice of the EPA approves a request from the state of Vermont for partial delegation of the new source performance standards for new residential wood heaters, new residential hydroponic heaters, and forced-air furnaces. The request was made in response to revisions made by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to state air pollution control standards for wood stoves and central heaters. Contact: Eric Wortman; EPA Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection; 617-918-1624; wortman.eric@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 60.539a, 60.5482

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

California/Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of FERC announces the filing of a major unconstructed project license application by Nevada Hydro Co., of Vista, Calif., for the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project on Lake Elsinore and San Juan Creek in Riverside and San Diego counties in California. The project, which would occupy 845 acres of federal land, would create a new upper reservoir in the mountains west of Lake Elsinore formed in a natural canyon by constructing a 200-foot high dam. The project also would include an underground powerhouse with two reversible pump-turbine units with a total installed capacity of 500 megawatts and about 32 miles of transmission line connecting to existing transmission lines. The lake and reservoir would be interconnected by one or two large pipes to generate hydroelectricity to be transmitted to the state's power grid and to store electricity produced during off-peak hours. Comments and study requests are due Dec. 1, 2017. Contact: Jim Fargo; FERC; 202-502-6095; james.fargo@ferc.gov

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee Meeting

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of the EPA announces a meeting of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee, which provides advice to the administrator on a broad range of environmental issues affecting children's health, including lead poisoning, asthma, prenatal environmental exposures, and chemical exposures. The meeting is scheduled for Nov. 29-30, 2017, in Washington, D.C. Contact: Angela Hackel; EPA, Office of Children's Health Protection; 202-566-2977; hackel.angela@epa.gov

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY
Environmental Impact Statements
GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of the EPA announces the availability of environmental impact statements filed Oct. 2-6, 2017. Contact: Kelly Knight; EPA, Office of Federal Activities; 202-564-7146; knight.kelly@epa.gov. Citations: 40 CFR 1506.9

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY
Massachusetts/Holyoke Hydro Projects
GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of FERC announces the filing of a hydroelectric application by the City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department concerning subsequent licenses for the Holyoke Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Hydro Projects located on the Holyoke Canal system in Hampden County, Mass. The projects consist of two 240-kilowatt and two 288-kilowatt turbine generator units, one 800-kilowatt vertical turbine generator unit, and one 450-kilowatt turbine generator unit. The applicant seeks to combine the projects under a single license and the commission intends to prepare a single environmental assessment. Comments are due Nov. 9, 2017. Contact: Kyle Olcott; FERC; 202-502-8963; kyle.olcott@ferc.gov

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY
New Mexico/Rio Grande Canalization Project
GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission announces the availability of a draft environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact for sediment control alternatives for the Rio Grande Canalization Project at Thurman I and II Arroyos in Hatch, N.M. The proposed project involves sediment control at two ephemeral tributaries of the Rio Grande within a portion of the Rio Grande Canalization Project protective levee system to control the inflow of sediment into the Rio Grande mainstem. The EA evaluates the no action alternative of routine sediment excavation, the construction of mesh-based sediment traps, and the preferred alternative of the construction of sediment basins at each arroyo. Comments are due Nov. 16, 2017. Contact: Elizabeth Verdecchia; USIBWC; 915-832-4701; Elizabeth.Verdecchia@ibwc.gov

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Public Utilities Open Access Same-Time Information System

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of FERC announces the submission of a revised information collection request to the OMB regarding the open access same-time information system (OASIS) and standards for business practices and communication protocols. The collection addresses responses from public utilities that own, control, or operate facilities for transmitting energy in interstate commerce that are required to provide certain information on transmission operations on OASIS. The collection also addresses requirements that utilities personnel engaged in transmission system operations function independently from those engaged in marketing functions. The revisions update the collection's respondent count and hours burden for responses based on efficiency gains and changes in business practice standards. Comments are due Nov. 16, 2017. Contact: Ellen Brown; FERC; 202-502-8663; DataClearance@FERC.gov

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Texas/Borrogo Crossing Pipeline Presidential Permit

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY

Notice of the State Department announces the availability of a draft environmental assessment and preliminary finding of no significant impact for the Borrego Crossing Pipeline presidential permit application (81 FR 66322; 09/27/2016). The applicant seeks to construct, connect, operate, and maintain pipeline facilities to export refined petroleum products, including to transport gasoline, ultra-low sulfur diesel, and jet fuel across the U.S.-Mexican border between a new terminal in Laredo, Texas, and the existing Nuevo Laredo Terminal in Tamaulipas, Mexico. Comments are due Nov. 13, 2017. Contact: Jill Reilly; State Department, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues; 202-647-9798; ReillyJE@state.gov

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION

Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors Meeting

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION

Notice of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announces a meeting of the Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors to continue the development and implementation of the unified carrier registration plan and agreement. The meeting is scheduled for Oct. 26, 2017, via teleconference. Contact: Avelino Gutierrez; FMCSA, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors; 505-827-4565

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission Meeting

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Notice of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission announces a meeting to consider Secretary of Labor v. Marshall County Coal Co. (Docket No. WEVA 2015-583-D) regarding whether the judge erred in requiring the operators' chief executive officer to personally read a prepared statement at the mines in question. The meeting is scheduled for Oct. 26, 2017, in Washington, D.C., and via teleconference. Contact: Emogene Johnson; FMSHRC; 202-434-9935

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Regulatory Update

RADIATION

Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facilities

RADIATION

Notice of the NRC announces the availability of a draft regulatory analysis for a final rule addressing low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) disposal facilities. The rule, originally proposed March 26, 2015 (80 FR 16081), would require new and revised site-specific technical analyses and allow the development of site-specific criteria for LLRW based on the results of such analyses. A draft final rule package was developed in September 2016, and the NRC currently is preparing a supplemental proposed rule planned for 2018. The changes would establish a compliance period of 1,000 years, independent of radionuclide content, and address when the new requirements would apply to currently operating LLRW disposal facilities. Comments are requested on how to improve the approach/methodology and actual cost data used in the draft final rule regulatory analysis in light of the changes. The NRC will hold a meeting during the comment period. Comments are due Nov. 16, 2017. Contact: Gregory Trussell; NRC, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; 301-415-6445; Gregory.Trussell@nrc.gov. Citations: 10 CFR 20.1003, 61.2 through 61.80 (nonconsecutive)

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RADIATION

Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material

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Notice of the NRC announces the submission of a continuing information collection request to the OMB regarding material control and accounting of special nuclear material (SNM). The collection addresses material control plans and control plan amendments and revisions for SNM of moderate and low strategic significance. The collection is used to satisfy U.S. obligations to the International Atomic Energy Agency. Comments are due Nov. 16, 2017. Contact: David Cullison; NRC, Office of the Chief Information Officer; 301-415-2084; INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@nrc.gov. Citations: 10 CFR 74

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Nondiscrimination in NRC Programs

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Notice of the NRC announces the submission of a continuing information collection request to the OMB concerning nondiscrimination in federally assisted commission programs. The collection addresses compliance and pre-award reviews and other similar procedures that permit investigation and correction of violations by recipients of federal financial assistance (NRC Forms 781 and 782). Comments are due Nov. 16, 2017. Contact: David Cullison; NRC, Office of the Chief Information Officer; 301-415-2084; INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@nrc.gov. Citations: 10 CFR 4.331

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