

EPA PROPOSAL FOR REID GARDNER GENERATING STATION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED BART DETERMINATION, OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0130

The Region 9 Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requests public comment on a proposed source-specific Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for implementing Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) at Reid Gardner Generating Station (RGGS) located near Moapa, Nevada. The Clean Air Act's Regional Haze Rule requires the use of BART at older coal-fired power plants to reduce haze and improve visibility in nearby national parks and wilderness areas.

EPA proposed requiring RGGS to meet limits on emissions of nitrogen oxide (NO_x) from Units 1, 2 and 3 in a Federal Register Notice published on April 12, 2012, which is available on Region 9's website at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/actions/nv.html>. The FIP establishes an emissions limit of 0.20 lbs/MMBtu (pounds per million British thermal units) for Unit 3, and requires the determination of emissions from Units 1, 2 and 3 based on a 30-day rolling average (averaged across all three units). In the same notice, EPA also proposed to approve Nevada's revision to its Regional Haze State Implementation Plan that requires an emission limit of 0.20 lbs/MMBtu on NO_x from Units 1 and 2 at RGGS.

EPA is holding an informational open house and an opportunity for the public to comment for the record on May 3, 2012 at Moapa Valley Empowerment High School in Overton, Nevada. Any person may provide written comments, oral comments and/or data pertaining to our proposal at the public hearing. If you require a reasonable accommodation, please contact Terisa Williams, EPA Region 9 Reasonable Accommodations Coordinator, at (415) 972-3829, or Williams.Terisa@epa.gov by April 26, 2012.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: May 3, 2012

Open House: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Public Hearing: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: Moapa Valley Empowerment High School

Ron Dalley Theater

2400 St. Joseph Street, Overton, Nevada 89040

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, but wish to submit comments, you may submit comments by electronic mail or postal mail. We must receive all comments on the proposal by email or postmarked on or before June 2, 2012. Please refer to the Federal Register Notice EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0130 on our Region 9 website for further information on how to submit comments. If you have questions about the public hearings or how to submit comments, please contact Thomas Webb, EPA Region IX at 415-947-4139, or at Webb.Thomas@epa.gov. Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who may have an interest in our proposal.