

EPA PROPOSAL FOR REID GARDNER GENERATING STATION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED BART DETERMINATION, OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING, AND EXTENDED 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.

This announcement provides notification that EPA is holding a second informational open house and public hearing for the public to comment for the record on May 3, 2012 at The Big Auditorium in the Moapa Band of Paiutes Administration Building on 1 Lincoln Street (cross street is Reservation Road) in Moapa, Nevada. The EPA Region 9 web site for the rulemaking, which includes the proposed rule and information about the public hearings, is at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/actions/nv.html#reid>.

PUBLIC HEARING (Afternoon)

Date: May 3, 2012

Open House: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Public Hearing: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: The Big Auditorium

Moapa Band of Paiutes Administration Building
1 Lincoln Street (cross street is Reservation Rd)
Moapa, Nevada 89025

EPA previously announced that it would hold an open house and public hearing on May 3, 2012 at the Ron Dalley Theater of the Moapa Valley Empowerment High School on 2400 St. Joseph Street in Overton, Nevada. This public hearing will proceed as scheduled. We are holding two public hearings on the same day at different times and locations for the convenience of the public. Please note that we will not record public comments at the open houses.

PUBLIC HEARING (Evening)

Date: May 3, 2012

Open House: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Public Hearing: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: Ron Dalley Theater

Moapa Valley Empowerment High School
2400 St. Joseph Street, Overton, Nevada 89040

Any person may provide written comments, oral comments and/or data pertaining to our proposal at either 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.

This announcement also notifies the public that we are extending the public comment period for the proposed rule to June 4, 2012, since the previously announced closing date of June 2, 2012, is on a weekend.

If you are unable to attend a 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 4, 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.