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Subject: railroad spur lines -Reply

Brenda:

I've attached several Clearinghouse reports that should help you (particularly the Region V Dec 86 record). Generally, I think our policy has been that ambient air is everywhere the public has access to, and that one facilities property is ambient air with respect to an adjacent facilities' emissions. In this case if I understand the facts correctly, if the public has any access to the spur line then I would say it is ambient air. Even if the public had no access however, receptors should be placed along this spur line since emissions from other facilities could impact it. I believe the attached files addresses these issues. If you have the SO2 guideline document, there are ambient air guidance memos in the appendix which you should also consult. The attached files are all DOS text files which can be read in WP6.1. Also, Dean Wilson has made his Model Clearinghouse Information Storage and Retrieval System (MCHISRS) available to me and other OAQPSers. I don't know if he has made it available to the Regions yet, or plans to, but since I'm CCing him I'm sure he'll respond. I used the system to make this response to you, that's where the files came from.

Gary

>>> brenda johnson 04/25/97 10:33am >>>

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