Information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). The Congressional Review Act (CRA), 5 U.S.C. 801 et seq., as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. Section 808 allows the issuing agency to make a rule effective sooner than otherwise provided by the CRA if the agency makes a good cause finding that notice and public comment procedures are impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest. This determination must be supported by a brief statement, 5 U.S.C. 808(2). As stated previously, EPA has made such a good cause finding, including the reasons therefore, and established an effective date of May 18, 2007. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the Federal Register. The corrections to the identification of plan for Utah are not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.


Kerrigan G. Clough,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

Chapter I, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 52—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.

Subpart TT—UTAH

2. Section 52.2320 is amended as follows:


b. By revising paragraph (c)(64)(i)(A) as follows:

§ 52.2320 Identification of plan.

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A Utah Administrative Code sections: R307–170–7(1); 307–170–4; 307–170–5(a); R307–170–5(b); R307–170–5(c); R307–170–6; R307–170–7(6)(a) and (b); and in R307–170–9 sections (5)(a) and (d), (6)(b), (7)(a)(i), (7)(b), and (9)(a); effective January 5, 2006.

3. Section 52.2352 is amended by adding paragraph (f) to read as follows:

§ 52.2352 Change to approved plan.

(f) Utah Administrative Code (UAC) rule R307–1–4.06, Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems Program (CEMSP), is removed from Utah’s approved State Implementation Plan (SIP). This rule has been superseded and replaced by rule R307–170, Continuous Emission Monitoring Program.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 63 and 65


RIN 2060–AO40


AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of decision denying petition for reconsideration.


ADDRESSES: The docket for EPA’s denial of CFASE’s petition for reconsideration is Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2004–0094. All documents in the docket are listed on the www.regulations.gov Web site. Although listed in the index, some information may not be publicly available, i.e., confidential business information or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the EPA Docket Center, Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2004–0094, EPA West, Room 17324, 1100 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the EPA Docket Center is (202) 566–1742.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick Colyer, U.S. EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Sector Policies and Programs Division, Program Design Group (D205–02), Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number (919) 541–5262; fax number (919) 541–5600; e-mail address: colyer.rick@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

In addition to being available in the docket, an electronic copy of today’s notice of EPA’s decision denying CFASE’s petition for reconsideration will also be available on the WWW through the Technology Transfer Network (TTN). Following signature, a copy of this notice will be posted on the TTN’s policy and guidance page for newly promulgated rules at http://www.epa.gov/tnn/oarpg. The TTN provides information and technology exchange in various areas of air pollution control.

Outline. The information presented in this preamble is organized as follows:

I. General Information

II. Background Information

III. Basis for Denial of Reconsideration

II. Background Information

On April 20, 2006, EPA issued certain amendments to the 40 CFR parts 63 and 65 startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM) general provisions requirements affecting sources subject to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). On June 19, 2006, Earthjustice filed a petition for review challenging those amendments in the
United States Court of Appeals for the District for Columbia Circuit on behalf of Environmental Integrity Project, Friends of Hudson, Louisiana Environmental Action Network and Coalition for a Safe Environment (CFASE). On the same day, CFASE filed a petition for administrative reconsideration with EPA pursuant to section 307(d)(7)(B).

CFASE appears to base its petition for reconsideration on a claim that it did not receive adequate notice of certain changes EPA made in the final rule to the SSM recordkeeping and reporting requirements. EPA made changes to the recordkeeping and reporting requirements in the final rule to address comments on the proposed rule submitted by EarthJustice and Environmental Integrity Project. In comments on the proposed rule, EarthJustice and Environmental Integrity Project asserted that the proposed rule’s elimination of the requirement that a source implement an SSM plan renders the SSM rule’s general duty to minimize emissions vague and unenforceable and violates the Clean Air Act (CAA) Title V requirement that permits contain enforceable limits and standards and conditions necessary to assure compliance. (Docket number EPA–HQ–OAR–2004–0094, items 29 through 32.)

The General Provisions to 40 CFR part 63 require that “at all times, including periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction, the owner or operator must operate and maintain any affected source, including associated air pollution control equipment and monitoring equipment, in a manner consistent with safety and good air pollution control practices for minimizing emissions. During a period of startup, shutdown, or malfunction, this general duty to minimize emissions requires that the owner or operator reduce emissions from the affected source to the greatest extent which is consistent with safety and good air pollution control practices.” 1 In the proposed rule preamble, we explained that the reporting and recordkeeping requirements would allow the permitting authority and the public to determine compliance with the general duty clause. 70 FR at 43394 (July 29, 2005). However, in an effort to address the objections concerning the general duty, the public comments raised by commenters, we reevaluated the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and made minor revisions to those requirements to clarify that the information required in SSM records and reports include a description of the “actions taken” at the facility during SSM events that involve an exceedance of the applicable standard. 2 The final rule preamble explained the revisions as follows:

With these clarifications, any time there is an exceedance of an emission limit (or could have been in the case of malfunctions) and thus a possibility that the general duty requirement was violated, there will be a report filed that will describe what actions were taken to minimize emissions that will be available to the public.

Any member of the public could use the information in these reports to evaluate whether adequate steps were taken to meet the general duty requirement. This information is likely to be of as much if not more use in determining compliance with the general duty requirement than a facility’s general SSM plan because the information will be specific to the particular SSM event that caused the exceedance.

71 FR 20448 (April 20, 2006).

In its petition, CFASE argues that EPA’s reliance on the revised recordkeeping and reporting requirements to assure compliance with the general duty to minimize emissions is insufficient. CFASE further argues that the SSM rule violates the CAA section 504(a) requirement that title V permits contain “conditions as are necessary to assure compliance” with the general duty to minimize emissions and that reliance on reporting alone does not “assure compliance.” CFASE also asserts that a vague generalized requirement such as the general duty to minimize emissions must be supplemented with permit conditions sufficient to explain how the requirement applies specifically to the permitted facility.

III. Basis for Denial of Reconsideration

EPA denies CFASE’s petition for reconsideration. Section 307(d)(7)(B) of the CAA requires EPA to convene a proceeding for reconsideration based on objections that were not raised during the public comment period only if “it was impracticable to raise such objection within such time or if the grounds for such objection arose after the period for public comment.”

Petitioner has failed to establish that the objections raised are based on grounds that “arose after the public comment period.” As noted above, the preamble to the proposed rule clearly articulates EPA’s reliance on recordkeeping and reporting to allow the permitting agency and the public to determine compliance with the general duty to minimize emissions.

Specifically, the proposal provides:

These periodic and immediate SSM reports provide the permitting authority with adequate information to determine if the facility has SSM problems above and beyond what might normally be expected. The types and frequency of SSM events will vary from source category to source category. Sources that report much higher number of SSM events than other sources within the same source category would be subject to higher scrutiny by the permitting authority, by EPA, and presumably by the public. Inspectors would examine the facility’s records and its SSM plan to determine its adequacy and whether it conformed to the general duty clause. If not, the facility could be cited for violating the general duty clause and required to revise its plan to minimize emissions to the satisfaction of the permitting authority. As such, the reports identify potential problems that can be followed up with appropriate action.

70 FR at 43394.

Nor were CFASE’s objections to the recordkeeping and reporting requirements “impracticable to raise” during the public comment period. Indeed, the arguments raised by CFASE in its petition for reconsideration are merely a variation of the arguments raised in its comments on the proposal. The revisions to regulatory language made in the final rule were made by EPA in direct response to the comments of EarthJustice and Environmental Integrity project concerning enforceability of the general duty to minimize emissions.

As explained in the preamble to the proposed and final rules (70 FR at 43994 and 71 FR at 20448–9), the recordkeeping and reporting requirements adequately assure compliance with the general duty to minimize emissions. As we explained in the preamble to the proposed rule, the general duty clause is the applicable requirement under MACT standards for emission reductions during periods of SSM and “* * * is designed to recognize that technology-based standards may not always be met, as technology fails occasionally beyond the control of the owner or operator.”

If standards cannot be met during a

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1 This petition denials describes the general duty to minimize emissions as it applies during SSM events and does not address the application of the general duty to minimize emissions at other times.

2 EPA responded to the comments by revising 40 CFR 63.10(b)(2)(v) and (ii) to require that a description of actions taken to minimize emissions be included in SSM reports whether or not the SSM plan was followed. EPA also revised the recordkeeping requirement at 40 CFR 63.10(b)(2)(v) requiring the facility to keep a record of "all information necessary to demonstrate conformance" with the SSM plan when actions taken during SSM events are consistent with the SSM plan to require that such records include all actions taken during the SSM event to minimize emissions. 70 FR at 20448.
period of SSM, then the owner or operator must take steps to minimize emissions to the extent practicable.” 70 FR at 43993.

The exception to technology-based emission standards during SSM events, which applies when a source cannot meet the technology-based standard using all practicable steps to minimize emissions that are consistent with safety and good air pollution control practices, is appropriate and may be necessary to preserve the reasonableness of the underlying MACT standards. Essex Chemical Corporation v. EPA, 486 F.2d. 427, 432–33 (D.C. Cir 1973) (addressing exemption from New Source Performance Standards during SSM events); Portland Cement Association v. Ruckelshaus, 486 F.2d. 375, 398–99 (D.C. Cir. 1973) (same); Marathon Oil v. EPA, 564 F.2d. 1253, 1272–73 (9th Cir. 1977) (discussing need to provide upset defense for technology-based effluent limits to account for technology failure).

As discussed above and in the preamble to the proposed and final rules, the general duty to minimize emissions is sufficiently specific (71 FR 20448–49), and the SSM recordkeeping and reporting requirements are sufficient to assure compliance with the general duty clause. We note that in the Title V context, EPA’s regulations specifically provide that recordkeeping requirements can adequately assure compliance. In particular, 40 CFR 70.6(a)(3)(i), which implements the statutory requirement of section 504(a) of the CAA, specifies that periodic testing and monitoring to determine compliance with an applicable requirement “may consist of recordkeeping designed to serve as monitoring.” Moreover, 40 CFR 70.6(a)(3)(i)(b) (which requires title V permits to include monitoring and testing provisions when an underlying applicable requirement does not contain provisions) specifies that “[r]ecordkeeping provisions may be sufficient to meet the requirements of this paragraph (a)(3)(i)(B).”


Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator.

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Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,
Assistant Chief, Audio Division Media Bureau.

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SUMMARY: This document denies a Petition for Reconsideration filed jointly by Vernon R. Baldwin, Inc., Morgan County Industries, Inc., and Vernon R. Baldwin (“Petitioners”) directed to a letter which returned their Joint Petition for Rule Making (“Joint Petition”). The Joint Petition was defective because the proposed site at Mt. Vernon failed to provide a 70 dBi signal over the entire community due to terrain obstruction. This document finds that it is not in the public interest to allow Petitioners on reconsideration to reinstate and amend their Joint Petition with a new site because a Petition for Rule Making must be technically correct at the time of filing. With this action, the proceeding is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen McLean, Media Bureau (202) 418–2738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Memorandum Opinion and Order, adopted March 28, 2007, and released March 30, 2007. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC’s Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Room CY–A257, and Washington, DC 20554. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 1–800–378–3160 or www.BCP4WEB.com. This document is not subject to the Congressional Review Act. (The Commission, is, therefore, not required to submit a copy of this Memorandum Opinion and Order to the Government Accountability Office, pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A) because the petition for reconsideration was denied.


Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator.

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