

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2866-008]

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 3, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the Lockport Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, in Will County, Illinois.

On May 30, 2000, the commission staff issued and distributed to all parties a draft environmental assessment on the project, and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 30 days. Comments were filed and are addressed in the final environmental assessment (FEA).

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6848-6]

Office of Research and Development; Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods; Receipt of Application for a Reference or Equivalent Method Determination

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that it has received an application for a reference or equivalent method determination from Grimm Technologies, Incorporated (Douglasville, Georgia) for Grimm Technologies' ENVIROcheck Model 107 PM₁₀ air monitoring method.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon application and in accordance with regulations at 40 CFR part 53, the EPA examines various methods for monitoring the concentrations of certain pollutants in the ambient air. Methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated as either reference or equivalent methods, thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR part 58 by States and other agencies for determining attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. As required by part 53, this notice is to announce that EPA has received an application to determine if a new monitoring method for PM₁₀ should be designated by the Administrator of the EPA as a reference or equivalent method under 40 CFR part 53.

An application from Grimm Technologies, Incorporated, 9110 Charlton Place, Douglasville, Georgia was received on April 10, 2000, for a reference or equivalent method determination for Grimm Technologies' ENVIROcheck Model 107 PM₁₀ air monitoring analyzer.

If, after appropriate technical study, the Administrator determines that this method should be designated as a reference or equivalent method, as appropriate, notice thereof will be published in a subsequent issue of the **Federal Register**.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6848-2]

Petition for Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide, Sulfur Dioxide, and Fine Particulate Matter and Related Request

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA is announcing receipt of a petition for rulemaking under section 109 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), to promulgate revised secondary national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for pollutants associated with the formation of acid rain, including nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). The petition was submitted by representatives of the States of New York, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont in a letter to the EPA Administrator, dated October 26, 1999. In that letter, the States request EPA to address what they assert to be a wide range of adverse environmental effects associated with these pollutants through the mechanism of revised secondary NAAQS. In addition, EPA has received a related request from the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) in a letter to the EPA Administrator, dated July 19, 2000, to address many of the same adverse environmental effects associated with the same types of air pollutants, and with ozone (O₃) that DOI asserts are occurring in national parks and wilderness areas.

To consider and respond to this petition and related request properly, EPA plans to review relevant scientific information, and to consult with the public and potentially affected stakeholders to ensure that decisions in response to these requests are based on the best available information.

DATES: Comments and associated information and analyses should be submitted on or before December 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may comment in various ways:

On paper. Send paper comments (in duplicate, if possible) to the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket No. A-2000-36, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460.

Electronically. Send electronic comments to EPA at: A-and-R-Docket@epa.gov. We accept comments