ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program: Petition for Objection to State Operating Permit for CF&I Steel, L.P. dba EVRAZ Rocky Mountain Steel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final action.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the EPA Administrator has responded to a citizen petition asking EPA to object to an operating permit issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Specifically, the Administrator has denied in part and granted in part the March 24, 2011, Petition (Petition), submitted under title V of the Clean Air Act (Act) by WildEarth Guardians (Petitioner), to object to CDPHE’s December 28, 2010 Permit (Permit) issued to CF&I Steel, L.P. dba EVRAZ Rocky Mountain Steel (ERMS or EVRAZ).

Pursuant to sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the Act, a petition for judicial review of those portions of the Order that deny issues in the Petition may be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit within 60 days from the date this notice appears in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: You may review copies of the final Order, the Petition, and other supporting information at the EPA Region 8 Office, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 8022–1129. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to view the copies of the final Order, the Petition, and other supporting information. You may view the hard copies Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding Federal holidays. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment at least 24 hours in advance. Additionally, the final Order for CF&I Steel, L.P. dba EVRAZ Rocky Mountain Steel is available electronically at: http://www.epa.gov/region8/air/title5/petitions/db/ petitions/evraz_response2011.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Law, Air Program (6P–AR), EPA Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202–1129. Phone: (303) 312–7015. Email: law.donald@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator, within 60 days after the expiration of this review period, to object to a title V operating permit if EPA has not done so. Petitions must be based on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the State, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issues arose after this period. EPA received a petition from WildEarth Guardians dated March 24, 2011, requesting that EPA object to the issuance of the Permit to EVRAZ for steelmaking operations located in Pueblo, Colorado. The Petition alleges that the Permit fails to ensure compliance with applicable requirements under the Act in that: (I) The Permit fails to assure compliance with the electric arc furnace regulations under 40 CFR 63.10680 et seq.; (II) the Permit fails to ensure that EVRAZ does not cause or contribute to a violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); (III) the Permit fails to include stipulated penalties from an underlying Consent Decree; and (IV) the permitting authority failed to adequately address environmental justice impacts.

On May 31, 2012, the Administrator issued an Order granting in part and denying in part the Petition. The Order explains the reasons behind EPA’s conclusions.

Dated: June 12, 2012.

Judith Wong,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region 8.

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Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, State of Illinois

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA’s approval of the State of Illinois’ request to revise its EPA-authorized program under the “Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans” requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations to allow electronic reporting.

DATES: EPA’s approval is effective June 20, 2012.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) was published in the Federal Register (70 FR 59848) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the CFR. CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Subpart D of CROMERR requires that state, tribal or local government agencies that receive, or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision or modification of those programs and obtain EPA approval.

Subpart D provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the state, tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, § 3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions and modifications to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the state, tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the subpart D procedures must show that the state, tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application and will use electronic document receiving systems that meet the applicable subpart D requirements.

On August 10, 2010, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) submitted an amended application titled “Electronic Annual Emissions Report Electronic Document Receiving System” for revision of its EPA-authorized Part 52 program under title 40 CFR. EPA reviewed IEPA’s request to revise its EPA-authorized program and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approved program revisions set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR