ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9690–7]

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).

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.


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. IEPA 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
3.1000(d), this notice of EPA’s decision to approve Illinois’ request to revise its Part 52—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans authorized program to allow electronic reporting of air emissions data under 40 CFR part 51, is being published in the Federal Register. IEPA was notified of EPA’s determination to approve its application with respect to this authorized program.

Andrew Battin, Director, Office of Information Collection.

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[FRL–9690–6]

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

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA’s approval of the State of Delaware’s 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 Regulation (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. Once an authorized program has EPA’s approval to accept electronic documents under certain programs, CROMERR § 3.1000(a)(4) requires that the program keep EPA apprised of any changes to laws, policies, or the electronic document receiving systems that have the potential to affect the program’s compliance with CROMERR § 3.2000.

On August 19, 2011, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DE DNREC) submitted an amended application titled “Online Reporting System Electronic Document Receiving System” for revision of its EPA-approved electronic reporting program under its title 40 CFR part 52 authorized program to allow new electronic reporting. EPA reviewed DE DNREC’s request to revise its EPA-authorized program and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revisions set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA’s decision to approve Delaware’s request to revise its Part 52—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans authorized program to allow electronic reporting of permits for minor sources under 40 CFR parts 51, is being published in the Federal Register. DE DNREC was notified of EPA’s determination to approve its application with respect to this authorized program.

Andrew Battin, Director, Office of Information Collection.

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Delegation of Authority to the State of Maryland To Implement and Enforce Additional or Revised National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants and New Source Performance Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: On April 16, 2012, EPA sent the State of Maryland (Maryland) a letter acknowledging that Maryland’s delegation of authority to implement and enforce National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) had been updated, as provided for under previously approved delegation mechanisms. To inform regulated facilities and the public of Maryland’s updated delegation of authority to implement and enforce NESHAP and NSPS, EPA is making available a copy of EPA’s letter to Maryland through this notice.

DATES: On April 16, 2012, EPA sent Maryland a letter acknowledging that Maryland’s delegation of authority to implement and enforce NESHAP and NSPS had been updated.

ADDRESSES: Copies of documents pertaining to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103–2029. Copies of Maryland’s submittal are also available at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 705, Baltimore, Maryland 21230. Copies of Maryland’s notice to EPA that Maryland has updated its incorporation by reference of Federal NESHAP and NSPS, and of EPA’s response, may also be found posted on EPA Region III’s Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/reg3artd/airregulations/delegate/mddelegation.htm.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 7, 2012, Maryland notified EPA that Maryland has updated its incorporation by reference of Federal NESHAP under 40 CFR part 63 and NSPS under 40 CFR part 60 to include all current and future standards. On April 16, 2012, EPA sent