

## Environmental Protection Agency

## § 124.7

(2) PSD permits may be terminated only by rescission under § 52.21(w) or by automatic expiration under § 52.21(r). Applications for rescission shall be processed under § 52.21(w) and are not subject to this part.

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### § 124.6 Draft permits.

(a) (*Applicable to State programs, see §§ 123.25 (NPDES), 145.11 (UIC), 233.26 (404), and 271.14 (RCRA).*) Once an application is complete, the Director shall tentatively decide whether to prepare a draft permit (except in the case of State section 404 permits for which no draft permit is required under § 233.39) or to deny the application.

(b) If the Director tentatively decides to deny the permit application, he or she shall issue a notice of intent to deny. A notice of intent to deny the permit application is a type of draft permit which follows the same procedures as any draft permit prepared under this section. See § 124.6(e). If the Director's final decision (§ 124.15) is that the tentative decision to deny the permit application was incorrect, he or she shall withdraw the notice of intent to deny and proceed to prepare a draft permit under paragraph (d) of this section.

(c) (*Applicable to State programs, see §§ 123.25 (NPDES) and 233.26 (404).*) If the Director tentatively decides to issue an NPDES or 404 general permit, he or she shall prepare a draft general permit under paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) (*Applicable to State programs, see §§ 123.25 (NPDES), 145.11 (UIC), 233.26 (404), and 271.14 (RCRA).*) If the Director decides to prepare a draft permit, he or she shall prepare a draft permit that contains the following information:

(1) All conditions under §§ 122.41 and 122.43 (NPDES), 144.51 and 144.42 (UIC), 233.7 and 233.8 (404, or 270.30 and 270.32 (RCRA) (except for PSD permits));

(2) All compliance schedules under §§ 122.47 (NPDES), 144.53 (UIC), 233.10 (404), or 270.33 (RCRA) (except for PSD permits);

(3) All monitoring requirements under §§ 122.48 (NPDES), 144.54 (UIC),

233.11 (404), or 270.31 (RCRA) (except for PSD permits); and

(4) For:

(i) RCRA permits, standards for treatment, storage, and/or disposal and other permit conditions under § 270.30;

(ii) UIC permits, permit conditions under § 144.52;

(iii) PSD permits, permit conditions under 40 CFR § 52.21;

(iv) 404 permits, permit conditions under §§ 233.7 and 233.8;

(v) NPDES permits, effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions, standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, and conditions under §§ 122.41, 122.42, and 122.44, including when applicable any conditions certified by a State agency under § 124.55, and all variances that are to be included under § 124.63.

(e) (*Applicable to State programs, see §§ 123.25 (NPDES), 145.11 (UIC), 233.26 (404), and 271.14 (RCRA).*) All draft permits prepared by EPA under this section shall be accompanied by a statement of basis (§ 124.7) or fact sheet (§ 124.8), and shall be based on the administrative record (§ 124.9), publicly noticed (§ 124.10) and made available for public comment (§ 124.11). The Regional Administrator shall give notice of opportunity for a public hearing (§ 124.12), issue a final decision (§ 124.15) and respond to comments (§ 124.17). For RCRA, UIC or PSD permits, an appeal may be taken under § 124.19 and, for NPDES permits, an appeal may be taken under § 124.74. Draft permits prepared by a State shall be accompanied by a fact sheet if required under § 124.8.

[48 FR 14264, Apr. 1, 1983, as amended at 54 FR 18785, May 2, 1989; 65 FR 30910, May 15, 2000]

### § 124.7 Statement of basis.

EPA shall prepare a statement of basis for every draft permit for which a fact sheet under § 124.8 is not prepared. The statement of basis shall briefly describe the derivation of the conditions of the draft permit and the reasons for them or, in the case of notices of intent to deny or terminate, reasons supporting the tentative decision. The statement of basis shall be sent to the applicant and, on request, to any other person.

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after the date that Congress allows EPA to implement this regulation. At 66 FR 53048, Oct. 18, 2001 this amendment was made effective April 30, 2003. For the convenience of the user, the revised text is set forth as follows:

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(a) EPA shall prepare a statement of basis for every draft permit for which a fact sheet under § 124.8 is not prepared. The statement of basis shall briefly describe the derivation of the conditions of the draft permit and the reasons for them or, in the case of notices of intent to deny or terminate, reasons supporting the tentative decision. In particular, the statement of basis shall include:

(1) In cases where a TMDL has not been established for an impaired waterbody, an explanation of how permit limits and/or conditions were derived for all pollutants in the discharger's effluent for which the waterbody is impaired; and

(2) In cases where a TMDL has been established for an impaired waterbody, any TMDL that has been established for a pollutant contained in the discharger's effluent; the applicable wasteload allocation derived for the pollutant in the TMDL for that discharger; and an explanation of how permit limits for the pollutant of concern were derived as well as how those limits are consistent with the applicable wasteload allocation.

(b) The statement of basis shall be sent to the applicant and, on request, to any other person.

**§ 124.8 Fact sheet.**

*(Applicable to State programs, see §§ 123.25 (NPDES), 145.11 (UIC), 233.26 (404), and 271.14 (RCRA).)*

(a) A fact sheet shall be prepared for every draft permit for a major HWM, UIC, 404, or NPDES facility or activity, for every Class I sludge management facility, for every 404 and NPDES general permit (§§ 237.37 and 122.28), for every NPDES draft permit that incorporates a variance or requires an explanation under § 124.56(b), for every draft permit that includes a sewage sludge land application plan under 40 CFR 501.15(a)(2)(ix), and for every draft permit which the Director finds is the subject of wide-spread public interest or raises major issues. The fact sheet shall briefly set forth the principal facts and the significant factual, legal, methodological and policy questions considered in preparing the draft permit. The Director shall send this fact sheet to the applicant and, on request, to any other person.

(b) The fact sheet shall include, when applicable:

(1) A brief description of the type of facility or activity which is the subject of the draft permit;

(2) The type and quantity of wastes, fluids, or pollutants which are proposed to be or are being treated, stored, disposed of, injected, emitted, or discharged.

(3) For a PSD permit, the degree of increment consumption expected to result from operation of the facility or activity.

(4) A brief summary of the basis for the draft permit conditions including references to applicable statutory or regulatory provisions and appropriate supporting references to the administrative record required by § 124.9 (for EPA-issued permits);

(5) Reasons why any requested variances or alternatives to required standards do or do not appear justified;

(6) A description of the procedures for reaching a final decision on the draft permit including:

(i) The beginning and ending dates of the comment period under § 124.10 and the address where comments will be received;

(ii) Procedures for requesting a hearing and the nature of that hearing; and

(iii) Any other procedures by which the public may participate in the final decision.

(7) Name and telephone number of a person to contact for additional information.

(8) For NPDES permits, provisions satisfying the requirements of § 124.56.

(9) Justification for waiver of any application requirements under § 122.21(j) or (q) of this chapter.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 65 FR 43661, July 13, 2000, § 124.8 was amended by adding paragraphs (b)(4)(i) and (b)(4)(ii), effective 30 days after the date that Congress allows EPA to implement this regulation. At 66 FR 53048, Oct. 18, 2001 this amendment was made effective April 30, 2003. For the convenience of the user, the added text is set forth as follows:

**§ 124.8 Fact sheet.**

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