

procedures for determining completeness of permit applications; issuance of draft permits; administrative record; public notice and comment and public hearings on draft permits; response to comments on draft permits; issuance and effectiveness of permits; permit revisions; and administrative appeal procedures. The provisions of part 71 of this chapter concerning Indian tribes, delegation of a part 71 program, affected State review of draft permits, and public petitions to reopen a permit for cause shall apply to Acid Rain permit applications and permits.

(2) The procedures in this subpart do not apply to the issuance of Acid Rain permits by State permitting authorities with operating permit programs approved under part 70 of this chapter, except as expressly provided in subpart G of this part.

(b) *Permit Decision Deadlines.* Except as provided in § 72.74(c)(1)(i), the Administrator will issue or deny an Acid Rain permit under § 72.69(a) within 6 months of receipt of a complete Acid Rain permit application submitted for a unit, in accordance with § 72.21, at the U.S. EPA Regional Office for the Region in which the source is located.

(c) *Use of Direct Final Procedures.* The Administrator may, in his or her discretion, issue, as single document, a draft Acid Rain permit in accordance with § 72.62 and an Acid Rain permit in final form and may provide public notice of the opportunity for public comment on the draft Acid Rain permit in accordance with § 72.65. The Administrator may provide that, if no significant, adverse comment on the draft Acid Rain permit is timely submitted, the Acid Rain permit will be deemed to be issued on a specified date without further notice and, if such significant, adverse comment is timely submitted, an Acid Rain permit or denial of an Acid Rain permit will be issued in accordance with § 72.69. Any notice provided under this paragraph (c) will include a description of the procedure in the prior sentence.

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§ 72.61 Completeness.

(a) *Determination of Completeness.* The Administrator will determine whether the Acid Rain permit application is

complete within 60 days of receipt by the U.S. EPA Regional Office for the Region in which the source is located. The permit application shall be deemed to be complete if the Administrator fails to notify the designated representative to the contrary within 60 days of receipt.

(b) *Supplemental Information.* (1) Regardless of whether the Acid Rain permit application is complete under paragraph (a) of this section, the Administrator may require submission of any additional information that the Administrator determines to be necessary in order to review the Acid Rain permit application and issue an Acid Rain permit.

(2)(i) Within a reasonable period determined by the Administrator, the designated representative shall submit the information required under paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(ii) If the designated representative fails to submit the supplemental information within the required time period, the Administrator may disapprove that portion of the Acid Rain permit application for the review of which the information was necessary and may deny the source an Acid Rain permit.

(3) Any designated representative who fails to submit any relevant information or who has submitted incorrect information in a permit application shall, upon becoming aware of such failure or incorrect submittal, promptly submit such supplementary information or corrected information to the Administrator.

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§ 72.62 Draft permit.

(a) After the Administrator receives a complete Acid Rain permit application and any supplemental information, the Administrator will issue a draft permit that incorporates in whole, in part, or with changes or conditions as appropriate, the permit application or deny the source a draft permit.

(b) The draft permit will be based on the information submitted by the designated representative of the affected source and other relevant information.

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(c) The Administrator will serve a copy of the draft permit and the statement of basis on the designated representative of the affected source.

(d) The Administrator will provide a 30-day period for public comment, and opportunity to request a public hearing, on the draft permit or denial of a draft permit, in accordance with the public notice required under § 72.65(a)(1)(i) of this part.

§ 72.63 Administrative record.

(a) *Contents of the Administrative Record.* The Administrator will prepare an administrative record for an Acid Rain permit or denial of an Acid Rain permit. The administrative record will contain:

(1) The permit application and any supporting or supplemental data submitted by the designated representative;

(2) The draft permit;

(3) The statement of basis;

(4) Copies of any documents cited in the statement of basis and any other documents relied on by the Administrator in issuing or denying the draft permit (including any records of discussions or conferences with owners, operators, or the designated representative of affected units at the source or interested persons regarding the draft permit), or, for any such documents that are readily available, a statement of their location;

(5) Copies of all written public comments submitted on the draft permit or denial of a draft permit;

(6) The record of any public hearing on the draft permit or denial of a draft permit;

(7) The Acid Rain permit; and

(8) Any response to public comments submitted on the draft permit or denial of a draft permit and copies of any documents cited in the response and any other documents relied on by the Administrator to issue or deny the Acid Rain permit, or, for any such documents that are readily available, a statement of their location.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 72.64 Statement of basis.

(a) The statement of basis will briefly set forth significant factual, legal, and policy considerations on which the Ad-

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ministrator relied in issuing or denying the draft permit.

(b) The statement of basis will include:

(1) The reasons, and supporting authority, for approval or disapproval of any compliance options requested in the permit application, including references to applicable statutory or regulatory provisions and to the administrative record; and

(2) The name, address, and telephone, and facsimile numbers of the EPA office processing the issuance or denial of the draft permit.

§ 72.65 Public notice of opportunities for public comment.

(a)(1) The Administrator will give public notice of the following:

(i) The draft permit or denial of a draft permit and the opportunity for public review and comment and to request a public hearing; and

(ii) Date, time, location, and procedures for any scheduled hearing on the draft permit or denial of a draft permit.

(2) Any public notice given under this section may be for the issuance or denial of one or more draft permits.

(b) *Methods.* The Administrator will give the public notice required by this section by:

(1) Serving written notice on the following persons (except where such person has waived his or her right to receive such notice):

(i) The designated representative;

(ii) The air pollution control agencies of affected States; and

(iii) Any interested person.

(2) Giving notice by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER and in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the source covered by the Acid Rain permit application is located or in a State publication designed to give general public notice. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, if a draft permit requires the affected units at a source to comply with § 72.9(c)(1) and to meet any applicable emission limitation for NO_x under §§ 76.5, 76.6, 76.7, 76.8, or 76.11 of this chapter and does not include for any unit a compliance option under § 72.44, part 74 of this chapter, or § 76.10 of this chapter, the Administrator may, in his or her discretion, provide