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TITLE 326 AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

FIRST NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

#02-122 (APCB)

DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO A RULE CONCERNING PARTICULATE MATTER EMISSIONS AT RICHMOND POWER AND LIGHT, WAYNE COUNTY

PURPOSE OF NOTICE

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is soliciting public comment on amendments to rule 326 IAC 6-1-14, Particulate Rules, Nonattainment Area Limitations, Wayne County. Additionally, IDEM may identify changes that are required to correct descriptive information associated with the Wayne County table. Such changes may include providing updates to company names or other descriptive information. IDEM seeks comment on the affected citations listed and any other provisions of Title 326 that may be affected by this rulemaking.

CITATIONS AFFECTED: 326 IAC 6-1-14.

AUTHORITY: IC 13-17-3-4; IC 13-17-3-11.

SUBJECT MATTER AND BASIC PURPOSE OF RULEMAKING

The Whitewater Station of the Richmond Power and Light Company (RP&L) is located at 2000 U.S. 27 South in Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana. This coal burning power plant consists of two (2) boilers with emissions of particulate matter that are controlled by precipitators serving each boiler. The plant generates approximately ninety-eight (98) megawatts (MW) of electric power. The emissions from the two (2) coal-fired boilers are vented through a common stack. The stack height is three hundred twenty-five (325) feet above the stack base. It was constructed in 1989, and replaced two (2) one hundred fifty (150) feet stacks previously in existence.

In a rule that became effective on July 15, 1995, and approved by U.S. EPA in the state implementation plan (SIP) on April 9, 1996, the particulate emission limits increased allowable particulate emissions to what was agreed to be more reasonable rates. The new rates were nineteen-hundredths (0.19) pound per million British thermal unit (BTU) from four-hundredths (0.040) pound per million BTU for boiler number 1 and twenty-two hundredths (0.22) pound per million BTU from seven-hundredths (0.070) for boiler number 2. The combined emissions from both boilers shall not exceed twenty-two hundredths (0.22) pound per million BTU. However, the rule also contained emission limits expressed in tons per year and based on the pound per million BTU heat input limits. The tons per year emission limits were not changed at the time the pound per million BTU limits were changed. IDEM proposes to change the tons per year emission limitations to three hundred twenty (320) for boiler number 1 and to seven hundred (700) for boiler number 2 to be consistent with the pounds per million BTU. The combined emissions from both boilers shall not exceed seven hundred (700) tons per year.

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

IC 13-14-8-4 requires the board to consider the following factors in promulgating rules:

- (1) All existing physical conditions and the character of the area affected.
- (2) Past, present, and probable future uses of the area, including the character of the uses of surrounding areas.
- (3) Zoning classifications.
- (4) The nature of the existing air quality or existing water quality, as the case may be.
- (5) Technical feasibility, including the quality conditions that could reasonably be achieved through coordinated control of all factors affecting the quality.
- (6) Economic reasonableness of measuring or reducing any particular type of pollution.
- (7) The right of all persons to an environment sufficiently uncontaminated as not to be injurious to human, plant, animal, or aquatic life or to the reasonable enjoyment of life and property.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, IDEM solicits the following:

- (1) The submission of alternative ways to achieve the purpose of the rule.
- (2) The submission of suggestions for the development of draft rule language.

Comments, whether mailed, hand delivered, or faxed, should be addressed as follows:

#02-122(APCB) (Richmond SIP)

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Hand delivered comments will be accepted by the receptionist on duty at the tenth floor reception desk, Office of Air Quality, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, Monday through Friday, between 8:15 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

Comments may be submitted by facsimile at the IDEM fax number: (317) 233-2342, Monday through Friday, between 8:15 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Please confirm the timely receipt of faxed comments by calling the Rules Development Section at (317) 233-0426.

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE

Comments must be postmarked, hand delivered, or faxed by May 31, 2002.

Additional information regarding this action may be obtained from Jean Beauchamp, Rules Development Section, Office of Air Quality, (317) 232-8424 or (800) 451-6027, press 0, and ask for extension 2-8424 (in Indiana).