

SUMMARY: The Acid Rain Division has prepared guidance to help determine if the Acid Rain Program SO₂ requirements apply to specific steam and electric generating units. This guidance is of particular use to owners and operators of electric generating units who are unsure as to whether their units are affected by the Acid Rain Program SO₂ requirements.

ADDRESS: Copies of the guidance, entitled "Do the Acid Rain SO₂ Regulations Apply to You?," are available upon request by calling the Acid Rain Hotline at (202) 233-9620 or by writing to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Acid Rain Division 6204J
Attn: Applicability Guidance
401 M Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20460

The following groups have copies available to their members:
American Public Power Association, contact Larry Mansueti;
American Forest Products, contact Rob Kaufmann;
Council of Industrial Boiler Owners, contact Bill Marx;
Chemical Manufacturers Association, contact Nancy Cookson;
Edison Electric Institute, contact John Kinsman;
Electric Consumers Resource Council, contact John Hughes;
Electric Generation Association, contact Julie Blankenship;
Large Public Power Council, contact Stephen Fotis;
National Coal Association, contact Jerry Karaganis;
National Independent Energy Producers, contact Janet Besser;
National Rural Electric Cooperative Assoc., contact Ray Cronmiller.

Because of the document's graphical format, the guidance is not available on the TTN. EPA is presently converting the document to a hypertext format which would be available on diskette. Please contact the Hotline (above) or Kathy Barylski (below) if you want the document in this form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Barylski, Acid Rain Division, at the above address; telephone (202) 233-9074.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

EPA's Acid Rain Program was established by Title IV of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA) to reduce acid rain in the continental United States. The Acid Rain Program will achieve a 50 percent reduction in sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions from utility units. The SO₂ reduction program is a flexible market-based approach to environmental management. As part of this approach, EPA allocates "allowances" to affected utility units. Each allowance is a limited authorization to emit up to one ton of SO₂. At the end of each calendar year, each unit must hold allowances in an amount equal to or greater than its SO₂

emissions for the year. Allowances may be bought, sold, or transferred between utilities and other interested parties. Those utility units whose annual emissions are likely to exceed their allocation of allowances may either install pollution control technologies or switch to cleaner fuels to reduce SO₂ emissions, or buy additional allowances.

The Acid Rain Program SO₂ requirements potentially affect any device that combusts fossil fuel and supplies electricity for sale or serves an electrical generating device that supplies electricity for sale. Thus, units owned or operated by industrial or commercial entities may be affected. To ensure adequate notice to all potentially affected units, EPA has chosen to provide this notice of availability of the Acid Rain applicability guidance.

The guidance, "Do the Acid Rain SO₂ Regulations Apply to You?", provides information regarding what makes a unit potentially affected, what types of units may be exempted from Acid Rain Program requirements, and what types of units are not affected by the Acid Rain Program requirements. The document also outlines how the owner or operator of a unit may request a determination of applicability from EPA. If a unit is affected by the Acid Rain Program SO₂ requirements, the document outlines the requirements and compliance dates. The document does not address the Acid Rain Program (Title IV) NO_x requirements or NO_x or SO₂ control requirements under other State or Federal programs.