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State Headlines

Mississippi— MDEQ has published a guidance document to assist Title V Major Sources in accurately determining annual emissions for fee assessment.

The Guide to Completing and Submitting the Annual Emissions Reporting Form (AERF) was developed after informal discussions between the staff of DEQ and members of the regulated community. The guide provides comprehensive instructions to assist facilities in the reporting of actual annual emissions.

Mississippi Title V Major Sources have the option of paying their Title V emission fees based on potential or actual emissions.

In addition to publishing the guidance document, MDEQ has amended its regulations to include more specific rules for applying actual emissions calculations that are submitted after the July 1 deadline. The regulations call for a graduated schedule whereby actual emissions are considered for 75 percent of the emission fee when these calculations are submitted less than one calendar quarter late and for 25 percent less for each additional quarter past the deadline.

For more information, visit MDEQ on the web at www.deq.state.ms.us

EPA LOWERS LEAD TRI REPORTING THRESHOLD

The Environmental Protection Agency recently issued a final rule under section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) that will lower the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) reporting thresholds for lead and lead compounds.

The rule, finalized in January, is one way EPA is attempting to expand the public's right to know about toxic chemicals—particularly persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic (PBT) chemicals—in their communities.

These bioaccumulative toxic (PBT) chemicals are of special importance to EPA because they remain in the environment for long durations, they are not easily destroyed, and they build up or accumulate in body tissue. Lead and lead components are a particular concern because of their known effects on children.

In the past, facilities were not required to

report their lead and lead compound releases to the air, water, and land or their other lead waste management activities unless they manufactured or processed more than 25,000 pounds per year or otherwise used more than 10,000 pounds annually. The new rule, effective April 2001, lowers the annual reporting threshold to 100 pounds.

This rule includes modifications to certain existing reporting exemptions and requirements for lead and lead compounds. In October 1999, EPA published a final rule under Section 313 of EPCRA that added specific PBT chemicals to the list of chemicals reportable under TRI, each with a lowered reporting threshold. This new rule adds lead to the list of PBT chemicals.

The reduced lead compound reporting requirements will be included in the 2001 TRI reporting year to be submitted in 2002.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW TRI RULE

- Facilities that manufacture, process, or otherwise use more than 100 pounds of lead or lead components must submit a TRI Form R.
- The first reports under the new rule must be submitted by July 1, 2002 for the 2001 reporting year.
- To obtain more information on the new TRI Rule, visit the EPA website at www.epa.gov/tri or call Access at (800) 381-6117.

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Storm Water Baseline General Permit Reissued

The Storm Water Baseline General Permit (MSR00) was reissued on September 12, 2000.

This permit authorizes discharges of storm water associated with regulated industrial activities and was originally issued on July 14, 1992, for a five-year period. The permit expired on July 13, 1997, but was administratively extended by MDEQ.

In the new permit, the requirements for SARA Title III, Primary Metals, Coal Pile, and Oil and Gas facilities are combined under the reissued Baseline. As a result, these general permits will not be reissued. Facilities that have coverage under these permits may be granted coverage under the Baseline General Permit.

If a facility is currently covered by any of the general permits mentioned, three

options are available: re-coverage, termination, or a conditional exemption with a certification of "no exposure".

To maintain coverage under the new general permit, facilities are required to submit a recoveage form to MDEQ. This form is now available on the MDEQ website. In addition to completing and submitting the recoveage form, the facility's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will need to be closely examined to see if any updates are needed. For those facilities that certify "no exposure" the MDEQ database will be updated to reflect this status.

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Compliance Dates

**July 1—TRI Reporting
Forms (Form R) Due**

**July 1—Title V Actual
Emissions
Calculations for Fee
Determination Due**

Meetings and Conferences

The **Mississippi Manufacturers Association** will hold its 4th Annual Environmental Expo and Conference June 5-6 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jackson. For more information, contact MMA at (601) 948-1222.

The **Mississippi Manufacturers Association** is sponsoring a workshop on New Source Review Air Permitting June 7-8 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jackson. For more information, contact MMA at (601) 948-1222.

The **Mississippi Water Environment Association** will hold its 44th Annual Meeting and Technical Conference June 6-8 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Jackson. For more information, contact Nick Gatain at (228) 432-1056.

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