

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

## FACT SHEET

### Notice of Availability of Unit-specific Information for Affected Boilers and Turbines Under Section 110 and Section 126

#### What action is EPA taking, and why?

In response to comments, we are making available unit-specific information on heat input and electric generation from large boilers and turbines in the NO<sub>x</sub> State Implementation Plan (SIP) Call region, including 22 States and the District of Columbia. We also request comment on these data. Either States or EPA could use these data to determine NO<sub>x</sub> allowance allocations. States could use the data for allocations in their SIPs. EPA could use the data for allocations under Section 110 or Section 126.

#### Where can I get the data?

These data are available on the Regional Transport of Ozone webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/rto/> under “What’s New” and under the “Related Documents and Data” subheadings under the “Transport FIPs” and “Section 126 Petitions” headings. In addition, these data are in EPA’s Air Docket, docket numbers A-97-43 and A-98-12.

#### How are these data related to the proposed Section 126 NO<sub>x</sub> allowance allocations?

In the Section 126 rulemaking, we requested comment on appropriate ways to allocate NO<sub>x</sub> allowances. For electric generating units (EGUs), we proposed using either heat input data or electric generation data for 1995 through 1997 as the basis for allocations. During the public comment period on the proposed Section 126 and 110 Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) rulemakings, commenters suggested that EPA also use data for 1998 and use electric generation data from the Energy Information Administration to provide more representative and more accurate data. We are making these data available for comment so that affected sources can see them, identify any errors, and provide corrected data.

#### What data are EPA making available for review and comment?

We are making the following data available for review and comment:

- EGU electric generation data from May through September of 1995 through 1998.
- Heat input data for May through September of 1998 for all EGUs reporting under EPA’s Acid Rain Program.
- Heat input data from May through September for 1997 and 1998 and heat rate data for EGUs not reporting under the Acid Rain Program.
- Heat input data for May through September of 1995 for non-EGUs (industrial boilers and turbines).

We are providing these data for sources in the following states (by postal code): AL, CT, DE, DE, GA, IL, IN, KY, MD, MA, MI, MO, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, WV and WI.

## What things is EPA not taking comment on?

We are not requesting comment on:

- The October 21, 1998 proposed Section 126 or the April 30, 1998 final Section 126 rules.
- The October 21, 1998 proposed Section 110 FIP rule.
- Allocation methods in the proposed Federal NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Trading Program.
- Issues and data related to the Statewide emission budgets and to the 1995 and 1996 emission inventories.
- The May 14, 1999 updated inventory used to develop State NO<sub>x</sub> budgets.

## What are the sources of EPA's data?

- *Electric generation data* is primarily from Energy Information Administration (EIA) form 759. Where there is not EIA data available, we used a combination of information from public comments and calculations from the Integrated Planning Model.
- *Heat input data for EGUs* is from information reported to EPA under the Acid Rain Program or from public comments on our emission inventory.
- *Heat input data for non-EGUs* is from EPA's updated inventory for non-EGUs.

For further details on the sources of the data, see the [Federal Register](#) notice of data availability.

## What do I need to do to comment on the data?

Send four originals of your comments to EPA's Air Docket, Docket Nos. A-97-43 and A-98-12 (two copies to each docket number), no later than September 8, 1999. Send comments to the following address: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Docket Nos. A-97-43 and A-98-12, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, room M-1500, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-7548.

Please submit your comments on paper, not in electronic format. We request this so that we do not receive multiple versions of the same comment that might contradict each other. Document any changes to the data that you request in your comments. We will consider data changes that are substantiated by the following kinds of documentation:

*For electric generation data:*

- EIA forms 759, 767, 867, or 860B, as appropriate to the kind of generator

*For heat input data:*

- For units under the Acid Rain Program, explanation and documentation of why reported heat input was incorrect and explanation of new values
- For units not under the Acid Rain Program, including non-EGUs, historical fuel purchase records or information reported to a State environmental agency or a State utility commission

## Where do I get more information?

The data and the notice of data availability are available on the Regional Transport of Ozone webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/rto/>. Look under "What's New" or under the "Related Documents and Data" subheadings under the "Transport FIPs" and "Section 126 Petitions" headings. If you have general questions about the notice, contact Margaret Sheppard of EPA's Acid Rain Division at (202) 564-9163 or via email at [sheppard.margaret@epa.gov](mailto:sheppard.margaret@epa.gov).