

June 29, 2001

Mr. Gordon Burdick
Rensselaer Municipal Electric Utility
P.O. Box 280
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Re: Response to Review Request No. 073-14488
Permit status evaluation
Plant ID: 073-00020

Dear Mr. Burdick:

Rensselaer Municipal Electric Utility, located at 425 North Van Rensselaer St., Rensselaer, Indiana, submitted a review request on June 4, 2001. The letter was submitted to determine if a preconstruction approval or a Title V permit amendment was needed for replacement of the exhaust stacks/silencers for two diesel-fired generators identified as No. 10 and No. 11. The replacement stacks # 10 and # 11 will be 72 inches in diameter, the same diameter as the existing stacks, and will be 258.75 inches tall, approximately twenty-two inches taller than the existing stacks. There will be no increase in the exhaust flow rate for either stack due to these maintenance activities.

No increase in emissions is anticipated due to the described maintenance work; therefore, no preconstruction approval is believed to be required. The Title V operating permit, T 073-7642-00020, issued November 9, 1998, only states the identification numbers of the stacks, with no descriptive information. Therefore, no permit amendment is required to reflect the increased stack height.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Office of Air Quality (OAQ) does not have jurisdiction in specifying and implementing requirements for noise. It is noted however that the supplier guarantees that the low frequency noise attenuation and high frequency noise attenuation of the new silencers will be equal to or better than that of the existing silencers.

Questions should be directed to Vickie Cordell, OAQ, 100 North Senate Avenue, P.O. Box 6015, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46206-6015, or call (800) 451-6027, press 0 and ask for Vickie Cordell or extension (3-1782), or dial (317) 233-1782.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Paul Dubenetzky

Paul Dubenetzky, Chief
Permits Branch
Office of Air Management

Attachments

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cc: File - Jasper County
Jasper County Health Department
Air Compliance - Dave Rice
Permit Tracking - Janet Mobley
Technical Support and Modeling - Michele Boner