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TO: Interested Parties / Applicant

DATE: July 25, 2008

RE: NIPSCO / 091-26804-00021

FROM: Matthew Stuckey, Branch Chief
Permits Branch
Office of Air Quality

Notice of Decision – Approval

Please be advised that on behalf of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management, I have issued a decision regarding the enclosed matter. Pursuant to 326 IAC 2, this approval was effective immediately upon submittal of the application.

If you wish to challenge this decision, IC 4-21.5-3-7 requires that you file a petition for administrative review. This petition may include a request for stay of effectiveness and must be submitted to the Office of Environmental Adjudication, 100 North Senate Avenue, Government Center North, Suite N 501E, Indianapolis, IN 46204, **within eighteen (18) calendar days from the mailing of this notice**. The filing of a petition for administrative review is complete on the earliest of the following dates that apply to the filing:

- (1) the date the document is delivered to the Office of Environmental Adjudication (OEA);
- (2) the date of the postmark on the envelope containing the document, if the document is mailed to OEA by U.S. mail; or
- (3) The date on which the document is deposited with a private carrier, as shown by receipt issued by the carrier, if the document is sent to the OEA by private carrier.

The petition must include facts demonstrating that you are either the applicant, a person aggrieved or adversely affected by the decision or otherwise entitled to review by law. Please identify the permit, decision, or other order for which you seek review by permit number, name of the applicant, location, date of this notice and all of the following:

- (1) the name and address of the person making the request;
- (2) the interest of the person making the request;
- (3) identification of any persons represented by the person making the request;
- (4) the reasons, with particularity, for the request;
- (5) the issues, with particularity, proposed for considerations at any hearing; and
- (6) identification of the terms and conditions which, in the judgment of the person making the request, would be appropriate in the case in question to satisfy the requirements of the law governing documents of the type issued by the Commissioner.

If you have technical questions regarding the enclosed documents, please contact the Office of Air Quality, Permits Branch at (317) 233-0178. Callers from within Indiana may call toll-free at 1-800-451-6027, ext. 3-0178.

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John M. Ross
NIPSCO
801 East 86th Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410

July 25, 2008

Re: Approval for a Temporary Operation
TO No.: T 091-26804-00021

Dear Mr. Ross:

On July 10, 2008, NIPSCO – Michigan City Generating Station submitted a letter informing the Office of Air Quality (OAQ) of the intention to temporarily operate seven (7) portable air compressors at the Michigan City Generating Station. These compressors will provide back-up compressed air to support the operation of the Unit 12 boiler. The potential to emit of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are less than fifteen (15) tons and ten (10) tons, respectively, for the duration of the operation. The potential to emit of all other regulated pollutants are less than twenty-five (25) tons for the duration of the operation.

Experimental Operation General Information

Unit:	Unit 12 Boiler
Location of the Operation:	101 North Wabash Street, Michigan City, Indiana 46360
County:	LaPorte
County Status:	Attainment or unclassifiable for all criteria pollutants
Purpose of the Experimental Trial:	temporary operation of seven (7) portable high pressure, diesel drive air compressors, identified as HPCD 1070/350, at the Michigan City Generating Station to provide back-up compressed air to support the operation of the Unit 12 boiler while repair work is done on the main compressors that suffered catastrophic failure on June 23, 2008
Starting Date of the Operation:	July 16, 2008 [326 IAC 2-1.1-3(h)(3)(F)]
Duration of the Operation:	Less than 30 days of actual operation
Testing parameters:	Emissions of CO, NO _x , PM, PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , SO ₂ , and VOC

Applicable Requirements

Pursuant to 326 IAC 2-1.1-3(h) (Exemption for Temporary Operation and Experimental Trial), the above mentioned temporary operation and experimental trial shall satisfy the following requirements:

1. The potential emissions from the operation are less than 25 tons per year for the duration of the operation. [326 IAC 2-1.1-3(h)(3)(A)]
2. The operation is not a major source or modification as defined under 326 IAC 2-2, or 326 IAC 2-7. [326 IAC 2-1.1-3(h)(3)(B)]

3. The purpose of the operation is to:
 - (a) collect data for experimental purposes, including, but not limited to, process improvements, new product development, and pollution prevention; or [326 IAC 2-1.1-3(h)(3)(C)(i)]
 - (b) temporarily conduct an operation not considered as part of the normal operation or production of the facility or source. [326 IAC 2-1.1-3(h)(3)(C)(ii)]
4. The duration of the temporary operation or experimental trial is less than 30 days of total operating time. [326 IAC 2-1.1-3(h)(3)(D)]
5. The Permittee shall submit a report containing the following information, at most seven (7) days after the conclusion of the temporary operation: [326 IAC 2-1.1-3(h)(3)(G)]
 - (a) The actual dates of the construction and operation.
 - (b) The duration of the operation.
 - (c) The actual emissions occurring during the operation.
6. The report shall be submitted to:
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Air Quality, Permits Branch
100 North Senate Avenue
MC 61-53, Room 1003
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251

Expiration Date

This approval expires after 30 days of actual operating time of the temporary operation of seven (7) portable air compressors at the Michigan City Generating Station.

IDEM Contact

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Kimberly Cottrell, OAQ, 100 North Senate Avenue, MC 61-53, Room 1003, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204-2251, or call at (800) 451-6027, and ask for Kimberly Cottrell or extension (3-0870), or dial (317) 233-0870.

Sincerely/Original Signed By:

Tripurari P. Sinha, Ph.D, Section Chief
Permits Branch
Office of Air Quality

Attachment: Temporary Operation Report

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cc: File – LaPorte County
LaPorte County Health Department
U.S. EPA, Region V
Air Compliance Branch
Compliance Data Section
Permits Administration and Development

**Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Air Quality
Permit Branch**

Temporary Operation Report

Source Name: NIPSCO – Michigan City Generating Station
 Source Location: 101 North Wabash Street, Michigan City, Indiana 46360
 County: LaPorte
 TO No.: 091-26804-00021
 Approval Reviewer: Kimberly Cottrell

Milestone Schedule	
Type of unit/operation:	
Actual starting date of the construction:	
Actual ending date of the construction:	
Actual starting date of the operation:	
Actual ending date of the operation:	
Actual number of days of the operation:	
Calculated emissions during the duration of the operation:	
Additional Comments:	

<p>I certify under penalty of law that this report was prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete.</p>
Signature:
Printed Name:
Title/Position:
Date:

cc: Air Compliance Section