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Title: **Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Federal CCR Permit Program; Extension of Comment Period**
Action: **Extension of Comment Period**

Docket No.: **EPA-HQ-OLEM-2019-0361**

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Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Federal CCR Permit Program; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) is extending the comment period on EPA’s proposal to establish a federal Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) permit program. The notice announcing this proposal was published on February 20, 2020, and the public comment period was scheduled to end on April 20, 2020. However, a number of public interest groups have requested additional time to develop and submit comments on the proposal. In response to the request for additional time, EPA is extending the comment period through May 20, 2020.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OLEM–2019–0361; Title: Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Federal CCR Permit Program, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from Regulations.gov. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In December 2016, Congress passed, and the President signed the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, amending section 4005 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The WIIN Act, among other things, requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) to implement a federal coal combustion residuals (CCR) permit program in Indian country and, subject to the availability of appropriations specifically provided to carry out a program, to implement a federal CCR permit program in nonparticipating states. The Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Omnibus Appropriations Acts provided appropriations to the EPA to develop and implement a federal permit program for the regulation of CCR in nonparticipating states.

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The Agency is proposing to establish a federal CCR permit program in accordance with the requirements of the WIIN Act. The EPA is proposing to establish requirements and procedures to issue federal permits for disposal and other solid waste management of CCR in 40 CFR part 257 subpart E. The proposed permit requirements would include definitions, compliance deadlines, application requirements, content and duration, and modification requirements and procedures.

The EPA is also proposing to rely on the general administrative procedures applicable to several EPA permit programs. These procedures, which are found in 40 CFR parts 22 and 124, apply to all other RCRA permits, as well as to certain permits issued under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), and the Clean Air Act (CAA). The EPA is proposing to rely on these general procedures without substantive modification and is proposing only to modify provisions in parts 22 and 124 to the extent necessary to ensure they apply to the federal CCR permit program.

The notice proposing to establish a federal CCR permit program was published on February 20, 2020, and the comment period was scheduled to end on April 20, 2020. See 85 FR 9940. Since publication of the notice, a number of stakeholders have requested additional time to review the proposal and to develop and submit comments. After considering this request for additional time, EPA has decided to extend the comment period until May 20, 2020.

Dated: April 3, 2020.

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