

and objectives. Individual oral comments will be taken on a one-on-one basis with a court reporter (with Commission staff present). This format is designed to receive the maximum number of oral comments in a convenient way during the timeframe allotted. If you wish to speak, Commission staff will hand out numbers in the order of your arrival. If all individuals who wish to provide comments have had an opportunity to do so, Commission staff may conclude the meeting a half hour earlier than the scheduled time. Please see appendix 1 for additional information on the session format and conduct.<sup>1</sup>

Scoping comments will be recorded by the court reporter and become part of the public record for this proceeding. Transcripts will be publicly available on FERC's eLibrary system. If a significant number of people are interested in providing oral comments in the one-on-one settings, a time limit of 5 minutes may be implemented for each commentor.

It is important to note that the Commission provides equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in writing or provided orally at a scoping session. Although there will not be a formal presentation, Commission staff will be available throughout the scoping session to answer your questions about the environmental review process. Representatives from BCH will also be present to answer project-specific questions.

q. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following anticipated processing schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The schedule for issuing draft and final NEPA documents is consistent with the Commission's Notice of Revised Schedule issued January 10, 2024: Scoping Document 1 Issued—September 2024

Acceptance and Scoping Notice Issued—September 2024

Scoping Document 1 Comments Due—November 2024

Issue Scoping Document 2 (if needed)—December 2024

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—December 2024

Comments, Recommendations and Agency Terms and Conditions/Prescriptions Due—February 2025

<sup>1</sup> The appendix referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendix were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

Applicant's Reply Comments Due—  
March 2025  
Commission Issues Draft NEPA  
Document—August 2025  
Commission Issues Final NEPA  
Document—March 2026

Dated: September 6, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

## Appendix 1

### FERC Session Format and Conduct

#### Session Format

FERC is conducting the session to solicit your scoping comments. There will not be a formal presentation by Commission staff; however, FERC staff is available to answer questions about the environmental review process. The session format is as follows:

- Tickets are handed out on a "first come, first serve" basis starting at the time listed in the Notice.
- Individuals are called in ticket number order to provide oral comments to be transcribed by a court reporter for the public record.
- Time limits on oral comments may be enforced to ensure that all those wishing to comment have the opportunity to do so within the designated session time.
- Additional materials about FERC and the environmental review process are available at information stations at the session.

#### Session Conduct

Proper conduct will help the sessions maintain a respectful atmosphere for attendees to learn about the FERC Environmental Review Process and to be able to provide comments effectively.

- Loudspeakers, lighting, oversized visual aids, or other visual or audible disturbances are not permitted.
- Disruptive video and photographic equipment may not be used.
- Conversations should be kept to a reasonable volume. Attendees should be respectful of those providing oral comments to the court reporters.
- Recorded interviews are not permitted within the session space.
- FERC reserves the right end the session if disruptions interfere with the opportunity for individuals to provide oral comments or if there is a safety or security risk.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-12091-01-R8]

### Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Order on Petition for Objection to State Operating Permit for Mountain Coal Company—West Elk Mine

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of final order on petition.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed an order dated May 24, 2024, granting in part and denying in part a petition dated January 30, 2024, from Center for Biological Diversity and WildEarth Guardians. The petition requested that the EPA object to a Clean Air Act (CAA) operating permit issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to Arch Coal, Inc. for its West Elk Coal Mine located in Gunnison County, Colorado.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Witteman, EPA Region 8, telephone number: (303) 312-6156, email address: [witteman.julia@epa.gov](mailto:witteman.julia@epa.gov). The final order and petition are available electronically at: <https://www.epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/title-v-petition-database>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EPA received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity and WildEarth Guardians dated January 30, 2024, requesting that the EPA object to the issuance of operating permit no. 20OPGU411, issued by CDPHE to Arch Coal, Inc. in Gunnison County Colorado. On December 8, 2023, the EPA Administrator issued an order granting in part and denying in part the petition. The order itself explains the basis for the EPA's decision.

Sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the CAA provide that a petitioner may request judicial review of those portions of an order that deny issues in a petition. Any petition for review shall be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit no later than November 12, 2024.

**KC Becker,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 8.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1261; FR ID 243492]

### Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or

the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before November 12, 2024. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [nicole.ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:nicole.ongele@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418-2991.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-1261.  
*Title:* Creation of Interstitial 12.5 Kilohertz Channels in the 800 MHz Band Between 809-817/854-862 MHz.  
*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 456 respondents; 228 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour.  
*Frequency of Response:* One-time reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 301, 303, and 332 of the Communications Act of 1934.

*Total Annual Burden:* 456 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No Cost.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection will be submitted as an extension of a currently approved collection after this 60-day comment period to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in order to obtain the full three-year clearance. The purpose of requiring applicants to obtain letters of concurrence if their application causes contour overlap under a forward analysis or receives contour overlap under a reciprocal analysis is to ensure incumbents in the 800 MHz Mid-Band are aware of the contour overlap before an application is granted.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**

[Docket No. FMC-2024-0008]

**Extension of Time for Decision in Investigation Into Conditions Affecting United States Carriers in Connection With Canadian Ballast Water Regulation in the United States/Canada Great Lakes Trade**

**AGENCY:** Federal Maritime Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Maritime Commission (Commission) has extended by 90 days the time for decision in its investigation into conditions created by the Government of Canada (Canada) in connection with regulation of ballast water management systems that may adversely affect the operation of United States carriers in the United States/Canada Great Lakes trade.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FMC-2024-0008, by the following method:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Your comments must be written and in English. You may submit your comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To submit comments on that site, search for Docket No. FMC-2024-0008 and follow the instructions provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions regarding submitting comments or the treatment of any confidential information, contact David Eng, Secretary; Phone: (202) 523-5725; Email: [Secretary@fmc.gov](mailto:Secretary@fmc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Introduction**

On May 22, 2024, the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission) initiated an investigation, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 42302, of whether conditions created by the Government of Canada (Canada) in connection with regulation of ballast water management systems adversely affect the operation of United States carriers in the United States/Canada Great Lakes trade, in particular the carriers operating vessels that may become subject to regulation in September 2024, within the meaning of 46 U.S. Code, chapter 423 (Foreign Shipping Practices) (46 U.S.C. 42301-307). Having determined that the investigation would be enhanced by gathering and reviewing additional information, the Commission now extends by 90 days, from September 19, 2024, to December 18, 2024, the time for decision under 46 U.S.C. 42302(c).

**II. Summary of Status of Investigation**

On May 22, 2024, the Commission on its own motion initiated a Chapter 423 investigation into Canadian ballast water management regulation in the Great Lakes. See Investigation into Conditions Affecting United States Carriers in Connection with Canadian Ballast Water Regulation in the United States/Canada Great Lakes Trade, FMC-2024-0008, 89 FR 44979 (May 22, 2024) (May 2024 Notice of Investigation). In 2020, the Commission had opened an investigation under 46 U.S. Code, chapter 421 following a petition by the Lake Carriers Association (LCA). See FMC Docket No. 20-10. The petition alleged that Canadian regulation set to take effect in September 2024 would create conditions unfavorable to shipping by requiring U.S. vessels to install new ballast water management systems. Meanwhile, it became apparent that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in its rulemaking to implement the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA), is likely to issue rules that are less restrictive than those of Canada. May 2024 Notice of Investigation, 89 FR 44979. In a February 2024 letter, the LCA had noted that only a small group of U.S. Lakers built after 2008 (five vessels) would be affected by the Canadian regulation in 2024, with about 50 older Lakers not subject to it until 2030. *Id.* The Commission's Notice of Investigation was issued on May 22, 2024 which, under the 120-day time limit set by 46 U.S.C. 42302(c), means the current deadline to complete the investigation is September 19, 2024.