

she will refund the overpayment without interest, as promptly as administratively possible.

(f) Excess emissions in any year resulting directly from an order issued in that year under section 110(f) of the Act shall not be subject to the penalty payment requirements of this section; *provided* that the designated representative of any unit subject to such order shall advise the Administrator within 30 days of issuance of the order that the order will result in such excess emissions.

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### § 78.1 Purpose and scope.

(a)(1) This part shall govern appeals of any final decision of the Administrator under parts 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, and 77 of this chapter; *provided* that matters listed § 78.3(d) and preliminary,

procedural, or intermediate decisions, such as draft Acid Rain permits, may not be appealed.

(2) Filing an appeal, and exhausting administrative remedies, under this part shall be a prerequisite to seeking judicial review. For purposes of judicial review, final agency action occurs only when a decision appealable under this part is issued and the procedures under this part for appealing the decision are exhausted.

(b) The decisions of the Administrator that may be appealed include but are not limited to:

- (1) Under part 72 of this chapter;
  - (i) The determination of incompleteness of an Acid Rain permit application;
  - (ii) The issuance or denial of an Acid Rain permit and approval or disapproval of a compliance option by the Administrator;
  - (iii) The approval or disapproval of an early ranking application for Phase I extension under § 72.42 of this chapter;
  - (iv) The final determination of whether a technology is a qualified repowering technology under § 72.44 of this chapter;
  - (v) The issuance or denial of an exemption under § 72.14 of this chapter;
  - (vi) The approval or disapproval of a permit revision;
  - (vii) The decision on the deduction or return of allowances under §§ 72.41, 72.42, 72.43, 72.44, 72.91(b), and 72.92 (a) and (c) of this chapter; and
  - (viii) The failure to issue an Acid Rain permit in accordance with the deadline under § 72.74(b) of this chapter.
- (2) Under part 73 of this chapter,
  - (i) The decision on a claim of error in a transfer recordation;
  - (ii) The decision on the allocation of allowances from the Conservation and Renewal Energy Reserve;
  - (iii) The decision on the allocation of allowances under regulations implementing sections 404(e), 405(g)(4), 405(i)(2), and 410(h) of the Act;
  - (iv) The decision on the allocation of allowances under part 73, subpart F of this chapter;
  - (v) The decision on the sale or return of allowances and transfer of proceeds under part 73, subpart E; and

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(vi) The decision on the deduction of allowances under § 73.35(b) of this chapter.

(3) Under part 74 of this chapter,

(i) The determination of incompleteness of an opt-in permit application;

(ii) The issuance or denial of an opt-in permit and approval or disapproval of the transfer of allowances for the replacement of thermal energy;

(iii) The approval or disapproval of a permit revision to an opt-in permit;

(iv) The decision on the deduction or return of allowances under subpart E of part 74 of this chapter;

(4) Under part 75 of this chapter,

(i) The decision on a petition for approval of an alternative monitoring system;

(ii) The approval or disapproval of a monitoring system certification or recertification;

(iii) The finalization of annual emissions data, including retroactive adjustment based on audit;

(iv) The determination of the percentage of emissions reduction achieved by qualifying Phase I technology; and

(v) The determination on the acceptability of parametric missing data procedures for a unit equipped with add-on controls for sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides in accordance with part 75 of this chapter.

(5) Under part 77 of this chapter, the determination of incompleteness of an offset plan and the approval or disapproval of an offset plan under § 77.4 of this chapter and the deduction of allowances under § 77.5(c) of this chapter.

(c) In order to appeal a decision under paragraph (a) of this section, a person shall file a petition for administrative review with the Environmental Appeals Board under § 78.3. The Environmental Appeals Board will, consistent with § 78.6, either:

(1) Issue an order deciding the appeal; or

(2) Where there is a disputed issue of fact material to the contested portions of the decision, refer the proceeding to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, who will designate an Administrative Law Judge to conduct an evidentiary hearing to decide the disputed issue of fact. If the proposed decision is contested or the Environmental Appeals

Board decides to review the proposed decision, the Environmental Appeals Board will issue an order deciding the appeal.

(d) Questions arising at any stage of a proceeding that are not addressed in this part will be resolved at the discretion of the Environmental Appeals Board or the Presiding Officer.

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### § 78.2 General.

Part 72 of this chapter, including §§ 72.2 (definitions), 72.3 (measurements, abbreviations, and acronyms), 72.4 (Federal authority), 72.5 (State authority), 72.6 (applicability), 72.7 (new units exemption), 72.8 (retired units exemption), 72.9 (standard requirements), 72.10 (availability of information), and 72.11 (computation of time), shall apply to this part.

### § 78.3 Petition for administrative review and request for evidentiary hearing.

(a)(1) The following persons may petition for administrative review of a decision of the Administrator that is made under parts 72, 74, 75, 76, and 77 of this chapter and that is appealable under § 78.1(a) of this part:

(i) The designated representative for the unit covered by the decision;

(ii) The authorized account representative for an account covered by the decision; and

(iii) Any interested person.

(2) The following persons may petition for administrative review of a decision of the Administrator that is made under part 73 of this chapter and that is appealable under § 78.1(a):

(i) The authorized account representative for any Allowance Tracking System account covered by the decision; and

(ii) With regard to the decision on the allocation of allowances from the Conservation and Renewable Energy Reserve, the certifying official whose application is covered by the decision.

(b)(1) Within 30 days following issuance of a decision under § 78.1 of this part by the Administrator, any