

Final Action
Four Corners Power Plant BART Notification Date Extension

September 24, 2013

Summary of Action

EPA is extending the date by which the operator of the Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP) must notify EPA of its selected strategy for complying with the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) that was finalized in August 2012. The new notification date is December 31, 2013.

EPA's 2012 BART FIP for the FCPP required the operator to choose between complying with EPA's final BART determination, or with an alternative emission control strategy.

This action does not change the compliance deadlines or any other substantive requirements of the final FIP.

Background

EPA's August 24, 2013 final action required the owners of FCPP to choose between two strategies for compliance: (1) compliance with the emission limits in EPA's final BART determination, or (2) compliance with an alternative to BART, originally put forth by the owners of FCPP, that included closure of Units 1, 2, and 3 at FCPP and installation of new air pollution controls to meet BART limits on Units 4 and 5.

EPA required the owners of FCPP to provide notification to EPA by July 1, 2013, regarding its final decision regarding its BART compliance strategy.

On June 19, 2013, Arizona Public Service (APS), the operator and a co-owner of FCPP, requested that EPA extend the notification date to December 31, 2013, due to new uncertainties that complicate its decision.

On July 11, 2013, EPA proposed to extend the notification date in the FIP by six months, from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

This final action will not affect public health or the environment because the BART compliance dates are not linked to the notification date and remain unchanged.

For More Information: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/navajo/index.html>