

## U.S. EPA FACT SHEET

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### **Final Rule: Revisions to the Four Corners Power Plant Federal Implementation Plan**

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#### **Summary of Action:**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing limited revisions to the source-specific Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) that was promulgated to regulate air pollutant emissions from the Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP), a coal-fired power plant located on the reservation lands of the Navajo Nation, near Farmington, New Mexico.

The EPA is finalizing revisions to the FIP to ensure the FIP is consistent with national actions and rulemakings promulgated since 2012. The major revisions to the FIP will:

- Remove emission limit exemptions that applied during periods of startup and shutdown and remove a provision allowing for an affirmative defense during periods of malfunctions.
- Increase the frequency of particulate matter (PM) testing in the FIP and allow the operator the option to demonstrate compliance using alternative methods, including continuous emission monitoring systems.
- Provide several options, consistent with recent national rulemakings, for demonstrating compliance with the opacity standard.
- Remove provisions related to Units 1, 2, and 3 from the FIP that are no longer applicable following the permanent retirement of those units.
- Add new provisions to the FCPP FIP to reflect requirements from a Consent Decree settling an enforcement action in 2015.

#### **Background:**

FCPP is a coal-fired power plant located on the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation, west of Farmington, New Mexico. FCPP is co-owned by several entities and operated by APS. The facility includes two units, Units 4 and 5, each with a capacity of 770 megawatts (MW) net generation. Existing pollution control equipment on Units 4 and 5 include baghouses for particulate matter control, lime spray towers for SO<sub>2</sub> control, and low-NO<sub>x</sub> burners for limiting NO<sub>x</sub> formation during the combustion process. FCPP is in the process of installing selective catalytic reduction on Units 4 and 5 for additional NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions to comply with the “better than BART” provisions of the 2012 FIP and with the Consent Decree.

#### **Next Steps:**

The Federal Register notice will be published in approximately 2 weeks.

**More Information:** <https://www3.epa.gov/region9/air/navajo/index.html>

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