

ADDENDUM TO:

Permit Process for New and Modified Refineries

Summary of 19 State Responses to February 16, 2006, Letter to State and Local Air Pollution Agencies

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On June 1, 2006, a summary was prepared on results from 19 States responding to a survey of State and local air pollution agencies. This document provides additional information based on a response from Louisiana.

Agencies Responding

The survey was distributed to State and local air pollution agencies through the State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators and the Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials (STAPPA/ALAPCO). With Louisiana's response, State and local agencies in 20 States have responded to the survey. They are responsible for permitting nearly 75 refineries (approximately half of the refineries in the United States).

Information on New Refineries

Louisiana reported that it has not received a permit application for a major new refinery in the past 10 years.

Information on Changes to Existing Refineries

Louisiana reported issuing 4 major New Source Review (NSR) permits in the past 10 years for expansions at existing refineries. Louisiana issued the permits 9, 13, and 20 months from the time Louisiana deemed the permit administratively complete (meaning there was enough information to initiate permit processing, but not necessarily enough information to finalize the permit).¹ These permitting times are a few months longer than what was reported for other States. The agencies in the 12 States that responded that they had issued major refinery permits in the past 10 years reported that all but two of the major permit actions for refinery expansions were completed within a year of receiving sufficient information to begin processing the permits, and half were completed within seven months.

Louisiana reported that it expected to issue two major NSR permits for refinery expansions in 2006. The permit applications were administratively complete in January and May of 2006.

Louisiana did not report on the number of refinery expansions that did not require major NSR permits.

¹ For one permit, the amount of time could not be determined because the agency did not know the date on which the application was complete.