## Chapter NR 405

## PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION

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NR 405.01 Applicability; purpose. (1) APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this chapter apply to all new major stationary sources and all major modifications to major sources located in areas designated as attainment or unclassified.

(2) PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to establish, pursuant to s. 144.391, Stats., the requirements and procedures for reviewing and issuing air pollution control permits to all new major stationary sources and all major modifications to major sources located in areas designated as attainment or unclassified.

Note: Throughout the proposed rule, changes have been made which result in the provisions of this PSD rule differing from 40 CFR s. 51.166, the federal regulation on which it is based. In this rule, the term "air contaminant" is substituted for the term "pollutant" in the federal regulation and the term "administrator of U.S. EPA" for "administrator", "federal clean air act" for "act" and "department" for "the State", "the Governor" and "reviewing authority". The federal definition for "building, structure, facility or installation" is applied to the phrase "facility, building, structure, equipment, vehicle or action" — a similar term which appears in Wisconsin's statutory provisions on air pollution. In addition, cross references in the federal regulation have been changed in the rule to compatible provisions in the state's PSD program (i.e., provisions governing U.S. EPA approval of plan revisions).

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NR 405.02 Definitions. The definitions contained in ch. NR 400 apply to the terms used in this chapter. In addition, the following definitions apply to the terms used in this chapter.

(1) "Actual emissions" means the actual rate of emissions of an air contaminant from an emissions unit, as determined in accordance with pars. (a) through (d).

(a) In general, actual emissions as of a particular date shall equal the average rate, in tons per year, at which the unit actually emitted the air contaminant during a 2-year period which precedes the particular date and which is representative of normal source operation. The department may allow the use of a different time period upon a determination that it is more representative of normal source operation. Actual emissions shall be calculated using the unit's actual operating hours, production rates, and types of materials processed, stored, or combusted during the selected time period.

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(b) The department may presume that source-specific allowable emissions for the unit are equivalent to the actual emissions of the unit.

(c) For any emissions unit, other than an electric utility steam generating unit, which has not begun normal operations on the particular date, actual emissions shall equal the potential to emit of the unit on that date.

(d) For an electric utility steam generating unit, other than a new unit or the replacement of an existing unit, actual emissions of the unit following the physical or operational change shall equal the representative actual annual emissions of the unit, provided the source owner or operator maintains and submits to the administrator of the U.S. environmental protection agency, on an annual basis for a period of 5 years from the date the unit resumes regular operation, information demonstrating that the physical or operational change did not result in an emissions increase. A longer period, not to exceed 10 years, may be required by the administrator if the administrator determines such a period to be more representative of normal source post-change operations.

(2) "Allowable emissions" means the emissions rate of a stationary source calculated using the maximum rated capacity of the source (unless the source is subject to federally enforceable limits which restrict the operating rate, or hours of operation, or both) and the most stringent of the following:

(a) The applicable standards as set forth in chs. NR 440 and 445 to 449.

(b) The applicable emissions limitations, as set forth in chs. NR 400 to 499; or

(c) The emissions rate specified as a federally enforceable permitcondition.

(3) "Baseline area" means any intrastate area, and every part thereof, designated as attainment or unclassifiable under section 107 (d) (1) (D) or (E) of the federal clean air act in which the major source or major modification establishing the baseline date would construct or would have an air quality impact equal to or greater than  $1 \text{ ug/m}_3$  (annual average) of the air contaminant for which the baseline date is established. Area redesignations under section 107 (d) (1) (D) or (E) of the federal clean air act cannot intersect or be smaller than the area of impact of any major stationary source or major modification which:

(a) Establishes a baseline date; or

(b) Is subject to this chapter.

(4) (a) "Baseline concentration" means that ambient concentration level which exists in the baseline area at the time of the applicable baseline date. A baseline concentration is determined for each air contaminant for which a baseline date is established and shall include:

1. The actual emissions representative of sources in existence on the applicable baseline date, except as provided in par. (b).

2. The allowable emissions of major stationary sources which commenced construction before January 6, 1975, but were not in operation by the applicable baseline date.

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(b) The following will not be included in the baseline concentration and will affect the applicable maximum allowable increases:

1. Actual emissions from any major stationary source on which construction commenced after January 6, 1975; and

2. Actual emissions increases and decreases at any stationary source occurring after the baseline date.

(5) (a) "Baseline date" means the earliest date after August 7, 1977, that a major stationary source or major modification subject to this chapter submits a complete application.

(b) The baseline date is established for each air contaminant for which increments or other equivalent measures have been established if:

1. The area in which the proposed major source or major modification would construct is designated as attainment or unclassifiable under section 107 (d) (1) (D) or (E) of the clean air act for the air contaminant on the date of its complete application under this chapter; and

2. In the case of a major stationary source, the air contaminant would be emitted in significant amounts or, in the case of a major modification, there would be a significant net emissions increase of the air contaminant.

(6) "Begin actual construction" means, in general, initiation of physical on-site construction activities on an emissions unit which are of a permanent nature. Such activities include, but are not limited to, installation of building supports and foundations, laying of underground pipework and construction of permanent storage structures. With respect to a change in method of operation, this term refers to those on-site activities, other than preparatory activities, which mark the initiation of the change.

(7) "Best available control technology" or "BACT" means an emis-sions limitation (including a visible emissions standard) based on the maximum degree of reduction for each air contaminant subject to regulation under the federal clean air act which would be emitted from any proposed major stationary source or major modification which the department, on a case-by-case basis, taking into account energy, environmental, and economic impacts, and other costs, determines is achievable for such source or modification through application of production processes or available methods, systems, and techniques, including clean fuels, fuel cleaning or treatment or innovative fuel combination techniques for control of the air contaminant. In no event may application of best available control technology result in emissions of any air contaminant which would exceed the emissions allowed by any applicable standard under chs. NR 440 and 445 to 449. Emissions from any source utilizing clean fuels or any other means to comply with this subsection may not be allowed to increase above the levels that would have been required under this subsection as it existed prior to enactment of the 1990 federal clean air act amendments. If the department determines that technological or economic limitations on the application of measurement methodology to a particular emissions unit would make the imposition of an emissions standard infeasible, a design, equipment, work practice, operational standard or combination thereof, may be prescribed instead to satisfy the requirement for the application of best available control technology. Such standard shall, to the degree possible, set forth

the emissions reduction achievable by implementation of such design, equipment, work practice or operation, and shall provide for compliance by means which achieve equivalent results.

(8) "Building, structure, facility or installation" or "facility, building, structure, equipment, vehicle or action" means all of the air contaminant emitting activities which belong to the same industrial grouping, are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties, and are under the control of the same person (or persons under common control) except the activities of any vessel. Air contaminant emitting activities shall be considered as part of the same industrial grouping if they are classified under the same 2-digit major group as described in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987, incorporated by reference in ch. NR 484.

(8m) "Clean coal technology" means any technology, including technologies applied at the precombustion, combustion, or post combustion stage, at a new or existing facility which will achieve significant reductions in air emissions of sulfur dioxide or oxides of nitrogen associated with the utilization of coal in the generation of electricity, or process steam, which was not in widespread use as of November 15, 1990.

(8s) "Clean coal technology demonstration project" means a project using funds appropriated under the heading 'Department of Energy-Clean Coal Technology', up to a total amount of \$2,500,000,000 for commercial demonstration of clean coal technology, or similar projects funded through appropriations for the U.S. environmental protection agency. The federal contribution for a qualifying project shall be at least 20% of the toal cost of the demonstration project.

(9) "Commence" as applied to construction of a major stationary source or major modification means that the owner or operator has all necessary preconstruction approvals or permits and either has:

(a) Begun, or caused to begin, a continuous program of actual on-site construction of the source, to be completed within a reasonable time; or

(b) Entered into binding agreements or contractual obligations, which cannot be cancelled or modified without substantial loss to the owner or operator, to undertake a program of actual construction of the source to be completed within a reasonable time.

(10) "Complete" means, in reference to an application for a permit, that the application contains all the information necessary for processing the application. Designating an application complete for purposes of permit processing does not preclude the department from requesting or accepting any additional information.

(11) "Construction" means any physical change or change in the method of operation (including fabrication, erection, installation, demolition, or modification of an emissions unit) which would result in a change in actual emissions.

(11m) "Electric utility steam generating unit" means any steam electric generating unit that is constructed for the purpose of supplying more than one-third of its potential electric output capacity and more than 25 MW electrical output to any utility power distribution system for sale. Any steam supplied to a steam distribution system for the purpose of providing steam to a steam-electric generator that would produce elec-Register, May, 1993, No. 449

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trical energy for sale is also considered in determining the electrical energy output capacity of the affected facility.

(12) "Emissions unit" means any part of a stationary source which emits or would have the potential to emit any air contaminant subject to regulation under the federal clean air act.

(13) "Federal land manager" means, with respect to any lands in the United States, the secretary of the department with authority over such lands.

(15) "Fugitive emissions" means those emissions which could not reasonably pass through a stack, chimney, vent, or other functionally equivalent opening.

(16) "High terrain" means any area having an elevation 900 feet or more above the base of the stack of a source.

(17) "Indian governing body" means the governing body of any tribe, band, or group of Indians subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and recognized by the United States as possessing power of selfgovernment.

(18) "Indian reservation" means any federally recognized reservation established by treaty, agreement, executive order, or act of congress.

(19) "Innovative control technology" means any system of air pollution control that has not been adequately demonstrated in practice, but would have a substantial likelihood of achieving greater continuous emissions reduction than any control system in current practice or of achieving at least comparable reductions at lower cost in terms of energy, economics, or nonair quality environmental impacts.

(20) "Low terrain" means any area other than high terrain.

(21) "Major modification" means any physical change in or change in the method of operation of a major stationary source that would result in a significant net emissions increase of any air contaminant subject to regulation under the federal clean air act.

(a) Any net emissions increase that is significant for volatile organic compounds shall be considered significant for ozone.

(b) A physical change or change in the method of operation may not include:

1. Routine maintenance, repair, and replacement;

2. Use of an alternative fuel or raw material by reason of any order under sections 2 (a) and (b) of the energy supply and environmental coordination act of 1974 (or any superseding legislation) or by reason of a natural gas curtailment plan pursuant to the federal power act;

3. Use of an alternative fuel by reason of an order or rule under section 125 of the federal clean air act;

4. Use of an alternative fuel at a steam generating unit to the extent that the fuel is generated from municipal solid waste;

5. Use of an alternative fuel or raw material by a stationary source which:

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a. The source was capable of accommodating before January 6, 1975, unless such change would be prohibited under any federally enforceable permit condition which was established after January 6, 1975 pursuant to this chapter or ch. NR 406; or

b. The source is approved to use under any permit issued under this chapter or ch. NR 406;

6. An increase in the hours of operation or in the production rate, unless such change would be prohibited under any federally enforceable permit condition which was established after January 6, 1975, pursuant to this chapter.

7. Any change in ownership at a stationary source.

8. The addition, replacement or use of a pollution control project at an existing electric utility steam generating unit, unless the department determines that the addition, replacement or use renders the unit less environmentally beneficial, or except:

a. When the department has reason to believe that the pollution control project would result in a significant net increase in representative actual annual emissions of any criteria pollutant over levels used for that source in the most recent air quality impact analysis in the area conducted for the purpose of title I of the federal clean air act, if any; and

b. The department determines that the increase will cause or contribute to a violation of any national ambient air quality standard or air quality increment, or visibility limitation.

9. The installation, operation, cessation or removal of a temporary clean coal technology demonstration project, provided that the project complies with:

a. The state implementation plan; and

b. Other requirements necessary to attain and maintain the national ambient air quality standards during the project and after it is terminated.

10. The installation or operation of a permanent clean coal technology demonstration project that constitutes repowering, provided that the project does not result in an increase in the potential to emit of any regulated pollutant.emitted by the unit. This exemption shall apply on a pollutant-by-pollutant basis.

11. The reactivation of a very clean coal-fired electric utility steam generating unit.

(22) (a) "Major stationary source" means:

1. Any of the following stationary sources of air contaminants which emits, or has the potential to emit, 100 tons per year or more of any air contaminant subject to regulation under the federal clean air act: Fossil fuel fired steam electric plants of more than 250 million British thermal units per hour heat input, coal cleaning plants (with thermal dryers), kraft pulp mills, portland cement plants, primary zinc smelters, iron and steel mill plants, primary aluminum ore reduction plants, primary copper smelters, municipal incinerators capable of charging more than 250 tons of refuse per day, hydrofluoric, sulfuric, and nitric acid plants, pe-Register, May, 1993, No. 449

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troleum refineries, lime plants, phosphate rock processing plants, coke oven batteries, sulfur recovery plants, carbon black plants (furnace process), primary lead smelters, fuel conversion plants, sintering plants, secondary metal production plants, chemical process plants, fossil fuel boilers (or combinations thereof) totaling more than 250 million British thermal units per hour heat input, petroleum storage and transfer units with a total storage capacity exceeding 300,000 barrels, taconite ore processing plants, glass fiber processing plants, and charcoal production plants;

2. Notwithstanding the stationary source size specified in subd. 1, any stationary source which emits, or has the potential to emit, 250 tons per year or more of any air contaminant subject to regulation under the federal clean air act; or

3. Any physical change that would occur at a stationary source not otherwise qualifying under this subsection as a major stationary source, if the change would constitute a major stationary source by itself.

(b) A major source that is major for volatile organic compounds shall be considered major for ozone.

(c) Volatile organic compounds exclude the compounds listed under s. NR 400.02 (100) unless the compound is subject to an emission limitation under ch. NR 440 or chs. NR 446 to 449.

(d) Mobile source emissions indirectly caused by a source which attracts mobile source activity may not be considered in determining whether the source is a major stationary source for the purposes of this chapter.

(23) "Necessary preconstruction approvals or permits" means those permits or approvals required under chs. NR 400 to 499.

(24) (a) "Net emissions increase" means the amount by which the sum of the following exceeds zero:

1. Any increase in actual emissions from a particular physical change or change in the method of operation at a stationary source; and

2. Any other increases and decreases in actual emissions at the source that are contemporaneous with the particular change and are otherwise creditable.

(b) An increase or decrease in actual emissions is contemporaneous with the increase from the particular change only if it occurs between:

1. The date 5 years before construction on the particular change commences and

2. The date that the increase from the particular change occurs.

(c) An increase or decrease in actual emissions is creditable only if the reviewing authority has not relied on it in issuing a permit for the source under this chapter, which permit is in effect when the increase in actual emissions from the particular change occurs.

(d) An increase or decrease in actual emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide or particulate matter which occurs before the applicable baseline date is creditable only if it is required to be considered in calculating the amount of maximum allowable increases remaining available.

(e) An increase in actual emissions is creditable only to the extent that the new level of actual emissions exceeds the old level.

(f) A decrease in actual emissions is creditable only to the extent that:

1. The old level of actual emissions or the old level of allowable emissions, whichever is lower, exceeds the new level of actual emissions.

2. It is federally enforceable at and after the time that actual construction on the particular change begins; and

3. It has approximately the same qualitative significance for public health and welfare as that attributed to the increase from the particular change.

(g) An increase that results from a physical change at a source occurs when the emissions unit on which construction occurred becomes operational and begins to emit a particular pollutant. Any replacement unit that requires shakedown becomes operational only after a reasonable shakedown period, not to exceed 180 days.

(24m) "Pollution control project" means any activity or project undertaken at an existing electric utility steam generating unit for purposes of reducing emissions from such unit. Such activities or projects are limited to:

(a) The installation of conventional or innovative pollution control technology, including but not limited to advanced flue gas desulfurization, sorbent injection for sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides controls and electrostatic precipitators;

(b) An activity or project to accommodate switching to a fuel which is less polluting than the fuel in use prior to the activity or project, including, but not limited to, natural gas or coal re-burning, or the co-firing of natural gas and other fuels for the purpose of controlling emissions;

(c) A permanent clean coal technology demonstration project conducted under title II, sec. 101 (d) of the Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 1985 (42 USC 5903 (d)), or subsequent appropriations, up to a total amount of \$2,500,000,000 for commercial demonstration of clean coal technology, or similar projects funded through appropriations for the U.S. environmental protection agency; or

(d) A permanent clean coal technology demonstration project that constitutes a repowering project.

(25) "Potential to emit" means the maximum capacity of a stationary source to emit an air contaminant under its physical and operational design. Any physical or operational limitation on the capacity of the source to emit an air contaminant, including air pollution control equipment and restrictions on hours of operation or on the type or amount of material combusted, stored, or processed, shall be treated as part of its design if the limitation or the effect it would have on emissions is federally enforceable. Secondary emissions do not count in determining the potential to emit of a stationary source.

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(25g) "Reactivation of a very clean coal-fired electric utility steam generating unit" means any physical change or change in the method of operation associated with the commencement of commercial operations Register, May, 1993, No. 449 by a coal-fired utility unit after a period of discontinued operation where the unit:

(a) Has not been in operation for the 2-year period prior to the enactment of the clean air act amendments of 1990, and the emissions from such unit continue to be carried in the department's emissions inventory at the time of enactment;

(b) Was equipped prior to shut-down with a continuous system of emissions control that achieves a removal efficiency for sulfur dioxide of no less than 85% and a removal efficiency for particulates of no less than 98%;

(c) Is equipped with low-NO<sup>x</sup> burners prior to the time of commencement of operations following reactivation; and

(d) Is otherwise in compliance with the requirements of the clean air act.

(25m) (a) "Repowering" means replacement of an existing coal-fired boiler with one of the following clean coal technologies: atmospheric or pressurized fluidized bed combustion, integrated gasification combined cycle, magnetohydrodynamics, direct and indirect coal-fired turbines, integrated gasification fuel cells, or as determined by the administrator of the U.S. environmental protection agency, in consultation with the secretary of energy, a derivative of one or more of these technologies, and any other technology capable of controlling multiple combustion emissions simultaneously with improved boiler or generation efficiency and with significantly greater waste reduction relative to the performance of technology in widespread commercial use as of November 15, 1990.

(b) Repowering shall also include any oil and/or gas-fired unit which has been awarded clean coal technology demonstration funding as of January 1, 1991, by by department of energy.

(c) The administrator shall give expedited consideration to permit applications for any source that satisfies the requirements of this subsection and is granted an extension under § 409 of the clean air act.

(25s) "Representative actual annual emissions" means the average rate, in tons per year, at which the source is projected to emit a pollutant for the 2-year period after a physical change or change in the method of operation of a unit, (or a different consecutive 2-year period within 10 years after that change, where the administrator determines that such period is more representative of normal source operations), considering the effect any such change will have on increasing or decreasing the hourly emissions rate and on projected capacity utilization. In projecting future emissions the administrator shall:

(a) Consider all relevant information, including but not limited to historical operational data, the company's own representations, filings with the state or federal regulatory authorities, and compliance plans under title IV of the clean air act; and

(b) Exclude, in calculating any increase in emissions that results from the particular physical change or change in the method of operation at an electric utility steam generating unit, that portion of the unit's emissions following the change that could have been accommodated during the representative baseline period and is attributable to an increase in pro-

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jected capacity utilization at the unit that is unrelated to the particular change, including any increased utilization due to the rate of electricity demand growth for the utility system as a whole.

(26) "Secondary emissions" means emissions which occur as a result of the construction or operation of a major stationary source or major modification, but do not come from the major stationary source or major modification itself. For the purposes of this chapter, secondary emissions must be specific, well defined, quantifiable, and impact the same general areas as the stationary source or modification which causes the secondary emissions. Secondary emissions include emissions from any offsite support facility which would not be constructed or increase its emissions except as a result of the construction or operation of the major stationary source or major modification. Secondary emissions do not include any emissions which come directly from a mobile source, such as emissions from the tailpipe of a motor vehicle, from a train, or from a vessel.

(27) (a) "Significant" means, in reference to a net emissions increase or the potential of a source to emit any of the air contaminants in Table A, a rate of emissions that would equal or exceed any of the rates in Table A.

## Table A Pollutant and Emissions Rate

1. Carbon monoxide: 100 tons per year (tpy)

2. Nitrogen oxides: 40 tpy

3. Sulfur dioxide: 40 tpy

4. Particulate matter: 25 tpy

5. PM<sup>10</sup>: 15 tpy

6. Ozone: 40 tpy of volatile organic compounds

7. Lead: 0.60 tpy

8. Mercury: 0.10 tpy

9. Fluorides: 3.0 tpy

10. Sulfuric acid mist: 7.0 tpy

11. Hydrogen sulfide (H<sup>2</sup>S): 10 tpy

12. Total reduced sulfur (including H<sup>2</sup>S): 10 tpy

13. Reduced sulfur compounds (including H<sup>2</sup>S): 10 tpy

14. Municipal waste combustor (MWC) acid gases (measured as total sulfur dioxide and hydrogen chloride): 40 tpy

15. MWC metals (measured as particulate matter): 15 tpy

16. MWC organics (measured as total tetra- through octa- chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzofurans):  $3.5 \times 10_{-6}$  tpy

17. CFC's 11, 12, 112, 114, 115: any emission rate

18. Halons 1211, 1301, 2402; any emission rate Register, May, 1993, No. 449 in reference to a net emissions increase or th

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(c) "Significant" means, in reference to a net emissions increase or the potential of a source to emit an air contaminant subject to regulation under the federal clean air act that par. (a) does not list, any emissions rate.

(d) Notwithstanding par. (a), "significant" means any emissions rate or any net emissions increase associated with a major stationary source or major modification, which would construct within 10 kilometers of a Class I area, and have an impact on such area equal to or greater than 1  $ug/m_{3}$  (24-hour average).

(28) "Stationary source" means any building, structure, facility or installation which emits or may emit any air contaminant subject to regulation under the federal clean air act.

(29) "Temporary clean coal technology demonstration project" means a clean coal technology demonstration project that is operated for a period of 5 years or less, and which complies with the state implementation plans for the state in which the project is located and other requirements necessary to attain and maintain the national ambient air quality standards during the project and after it is terminated.

History: Cr. Register, January, 1987, No. 378, eff. 2-1-87; am. (27) (a) Register, December, 1988, No. 396, eff. 1-1-89; am. (intro.), (22) (c), (24) (d), (27) (b) and (28), cr. (22) (d), Register, May, 1992, No. 437, eff. 6-1-92; emerg, am. (7) and (27) (a) and (b), eff. 11-16-92; am. (intro.), (1) (c), (7), (8) and (27) (a), cr. (1) (d), (8m), (8s), (11m), (21) (b) 8. to 11., (24m), (25g), (25m), (25s) and (29), renum. (14) to be NR 400.02 (39m) and am, r. (27) (b), Register, May, 1993, No. 449, eff. 6-1-93; corrections in (1) (intro.) and (25g) (a) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7 and 6, Stats., Register, May, 1993, No. 449.

NR 405.03 Restrictions on area classifications. (1) All of the following areas which were in existence on August 7, 1977, shall be Class I areas and may not be redesignated by the department:

(a) International parks,

(b) National wilderness areas which exceed 5,000 acres in size,

(c) National memorial parks which exceed 5,000 acres in size, and

(d) National parks which exceed 6,000 acres in size.

(2) Any other area, unless otherwise specified in the legislation creating such an area, is initially designated Class II, but may be redesignated as provided in this chapter.

(3) The following areas may be redesignated only as Class I or II:

(a) An area which as of August 7, 1977, exceeded 10,000 acres in size and was a national monument, a national primitive area, a national preserve, a national recreational area, a national wild and scenic river, a national wildlife refuge, a national lakeshore or seashore; and

(b) A national park or national wilderness area established after August 7, 1977, which exceeds 10,000 acres in size.

(4) The extent of the areas referred to in subs. (1) and (3) shall conform to any changes in the boundaries which have occurred subsequent to August 7, 1977.

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