



**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Form OP-AR4 - Instructions
Retired Unit Exemption**

General:

The Acid Rain Program regulation, Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 72.8 (40 CFR 72.8) allows any affected utility unit that is retired prior to the issuance or renewal of a Phase II acid rain permit an exemption from the Phase II permitting requirements for the unit. The Designated Representative (DR) may qualify the retired unit by petitioning for exemption in the Retired Unit Exemption Form. This form (OP-AR4) and certification (OP-ARC4) must be submitted no later than the deadline for applying for a Phase II permit in accordance with 40 CFR 72.30(b)(2) (January 1, 1996 for most units) or, if the unit is located at a source that already has a Phase II permit covering the unit, no later than the deadline for reapplying for a Phase II permit.

Under 40 CFR 75.67, an exemption from monitoring requirements, including the requirement to install and certify a continuous emission monitoring system, may also be obtained from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. To seek an exemption under 40 CFR 75.67 from monitoring requirements, the DR must submit the petition for the retired unit exemption no later than the deadline in 40 CFR 75.4 by which the required certification tests for the continuous emission or opacity monitoring systems must be completed (January 1, 1995 for most units). The DR must also indicate in the cover letter accompanying this form that an exemption from monitoring requirements has been requested.

Indicate the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) account number, the permit name ("Site Name" from Form OP-1; if the site name is longer than 50 characters, please abbreviate), and the ORIS Code in the header of each page for purposes of identification. (The ORIS Code is the Office of Regulatory Information Systems Code from the National Allowance Database [NADB] and is synonymous with the Energy Information Administration plant code.) The date of submittal must also be included (in the format "MM-DD-YYYY") and should be consistent throughout the application. Any subsequent submittals must show the date of revision.

Specific:

NEW OR REVISED: Check the appropriate box to indicate a new or revised submission of this form.

Enter the data shown below into the OP-AR4 form table. If a requirement is not applicable, fill the blank with "N/A."

PERMIT NAME: Enter the permit name (use the site name from the Form OP-1) of the site for which the application is being submitted (maximum 50 characters).

ACCOUNT NO.: Enter the primary TCEQ account number for the site if issued (XX-XXXX-X).

DATE: Enter the date this application will be submitted to the TCEQ (MM/DD/YYYY). The date should be consistent throughout the application. Any subsequent submittals must show the date of revision

UNIT ID NO.: Enter unit identification number for the affected unit. This number must also be consistent with the numbers used on Form OP-AR1. Whenever possible, use the identification number from the Point Source Database (PSDB). If no PSDB number currently exists, a new identification number that is consistent with the existing numbering system must be provided by the applicant. (maximum 10 characters)

NADB NO.: Enter the NADB boiler identification number for the affected unit. (maximum 8 characters)

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL TIME:

PRE-PHASE II PERMIT: If this petition is being submitted on or before the deadlines for submitting an acid rain permit application for Phase II, enter "YES." (A petition for exemption for a unit that is not covered by a Phase II permit must be submitted by January 1, 1996, for most units. See 40 CFR 72.30[b] for special cases.) Otherwise enter "NO".

EXISTING PHASE II PERMIT: If this unit has a Phase II permit, enter “YES.” Otherwise enter “NO”. If “Yes” is indicated for an existing Phase II permit, this petition must be submitted on or before the deadline for reapplying for the Phase II permit, i.e., no later than six months (or such longer period established by the TCEQ prior to the expiration of the permit).

RETIREMENT DATE: Enter the actual or expected permanent retirement date of the unit. Then place an “X” in the box at Note “A” to certify that the unit will not emit any sulfur dioxide or nitrogen oxides after the retirement date. (MM-DD-YYYY)

Note “A”: For any retirement date in this column, select an “X” in the blank to indicate this unit is or will be permanently retired on the date specified and will not emit any sulfur dioxide or nitrogen oxides after such date.

ATTACHED INFORMATION: If the required information to describe actions that have been or will be taken to retire the unit is attached, enter “YES,” place an “X” in the box at Note “B” and attach the required information to the form. Otherwise enter “NO”. Any retired unit exemption submitted without the required information will be deemed incomplete.

Note “B”: For any “YES” response in this column, select an “X” in the blank to indicate that required information is attached to describe any actions that have been or will be taken and that provide the basis for the retirement date of the unit specified in this petition.

CERTIFICATION: Read the special provisions, 40 CFR 72.8(d), and the certification, Form OP-ARC and sign and date. The DR must submit Form OP-ARC for the source at the same time as, and together with, the submission of this Form OP-AR4.



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Federal Operating Permit Processes

<input type="checkbox"/> New Submission	<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Submission	Permit Name::
Account No.:		Date:

Unit ID No.	NADB No.	Application Submittal Time		Retirement Date	Note: A	Attached Information	Note: B
		Pre-phase II Permit	Existing Phase II Permit				

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