



Practice where: there exist common parties or common issues of fact or law; consolidation would expedite and simplify consideration of the issues; and consolidation would not adversely affect the rights of parties engaged in otherwise separate proceedings.

In these circumstances, it is concluded that consolidation is appropriate, as it will expedite and simplify consideration of the issues, and it does not appear that consolidation would result in prejudice to any of the parties.

Accordingly, the proceedings listed above are hereby consolidated pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.12(a).

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Susan L. Biro  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: July 23, 2001  
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