

**Summary of  
Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Request for Applications for Essential Use  
Allowances for 2013 and 2014**

**CFR References:** 40 CFR Part 82

**Action Type:** Notice

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**Potential Impact or Relevance:** Although the military has a number of mission critical applications for Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS), all of these applications are currently supported by existing ODS material maintained in the DoD ODS Reserve managed by DLA. Therefore it is not anticipated that essential use allowances will be required to exempt the phase-out of production or import of ODS to support DoD mission critical applications.

**Rule Summary:** The Environmental Protection Agency is requesting applications for essential use allowances for ODS for calendar years 2013 and 2014. Essential use allowances provide exemptions from the phase-out of production and import of ODS and must be authorized by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The U.S. Government will use the applications received in response to this notice as the basis for its nomination of essential uses at the 24th Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, to be held in 2012.

Applications for essential use allowances must be submitted to EPA no later than September 20, 2011 in order for the U.S. Government to complete its review and to submit nominations to the United Nations Environment Programme and the Protocol Parties in a timely manner.

All requests for exemptions submitted to EPA should present information as requested in the current version of the TEAP Handbook on Essential Use Nominations, which was updated in 2009. The handbook is available electronically on the Web at [http://ozone.unep.org/teap/Reports/TEAP\\_Reports/EUN-Handbook2009.pdf](http://ozone.unep.org/teap/Reports/TEAP_Reports/EUN-Handbook2009.pdf).

In brief, the TEAP Handbook states that applicants should present information on:

- Role of use in society;
- Alternatives to use;
- Steps to minimize use;
- Recycling and stockpiling;
- Quantity of controlled substances requested; and
- Approval date and indications (for MDIs).