

PROPOSED ELECTRONIC REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

FACT SHEET

ACTION

- On February 26, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to expand its electronic reporting requirements. This rule would require certain types of industrial sources to electronically submit to the EPA specific air emissions data reports. These reports, required in the new source performance standards (NSPS) in part 60 of chapter 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, are already being submitted in hard copy.
- The reports covered by this proposal include summary reports, excess emissions reports, performance test reports, performance evaluation reports and other similar reports required by specific rules. Therefore, today's proposal would not increase regulatory burden or require the submittal of additional reports or information.
- Most sources subject to an NSPS will be affected by this proposed rulemaking. Some of the sources affected by this action include: Pulp Mills, Phosphoric Acid Plants, Glass Manufacturing Plants, Stationary Gas Turbines, Grain Elevators, Coating Operations, Landfills, Engines, Sewage Sludge Incinerators and Rubber Tire Manufacturing. Table 2 of the preamble to the proposed rule includes a complete list of source categories covered by this action.
- Currently, over two dozen EPA air program rules require electronic submission of reports directly to the EPA using the Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI) through the EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX). Over 2,200 electronic submittals have been successfully submitted to date. This proposal would expand the number of NSPS rules which require reports to be submitted electronically to the EPA. Additionally, this proposal would allow sources to retain electronic records in lieu of hardcopy records for information submitted electronically through CEDRI.
- Electronic reporting would improve access to air emissions reports for state, local and tribal pollution control agencies and the public. Data from reports would be readily available through WebFIRE, an EPA maintained website. Additionally, the EPA would be able to use the data to ensure that emissions factors are up-to-date and improve the quality of emissions inventories.
- Although the transition to electronic reporting would impose short-term cost impacts, there would be long-term cost savings associated with this rule as affected sources transition from manual paper-based reporting and recordkeeping to electronic reporting and recordkeeping. The Agency estimates the total annualized savings associated with the proposed requirements to be approximately \$300,000 per year.

BACKGROUND

- The EPA is charged under section 111 of the Clean Air Act to establish standards of performance for new stationary sources. Each NSPS requires that certain reports be submitted and records be maintained that are necessary for the Administrator to confirm compliance with the established standards of performance. These reporting and recordkeeping requirements are specifically authorized by section 114 of the Clean Air Act.

HOW TO COMMENT

- The EPA will take written comment on the proposed standards for 60 days after the proposal is published in the Federal Register. The agency also will hold a public hearing if requested.
- There are multiple ways to submit written comments on the proposal. To ensure the EPA receives your comments, identify them with Docket ID Number EPA- HQ-OAR-2009-0174. Then submit them by any of the following methods:
 - Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
 - Send comments by email to a-and-r- Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA- HQOAR-2009-0174.
 - Fax your comments to: 202-566-9744, Attention Docket ID. No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0174.
 - Mail your comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC, 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-1042.
 - Deliver comments in person to: EPA Docket Center, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 3334, Washington, DC Note: In person deliveries (including courier deliveries) are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED RULES

- Interested parties can download the notice from the EPA's website at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/eparules.html>.
- Today's proposed rules and other background information are also available either electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, or in hardcopy at the EPA Docket Center's Public Reading Room.
 - The Public Reading Room is located in the EPA Headquarters Library, Room Number 3334 in the EPA WJC West Building, located at 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. eastern standard time, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

- Visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector and sign the EPA's visitor log. All visitor materials will be processed through an X-ray machine as well. Visitors will be provided a badge that must be visible at all times.
- Materials for this proposed action can be accessed using Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-20101042.
- For further technical information about this rule, contact Gerri Garwood of the EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-2406 or garwood.gerri@epa.gov.