

FACT SHEET

Changes to Performance Standards, Emissions Guidelines and Compliance Times for Large Municipal Waste Combustors Direct Final Rule; Amendment and Proposed Rule; Amendment

TODAY'S ACTION

- ! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is amending one definition in its 1995 rule establishing performance standards for large municipal waste combustors. The amended definition would move "tumbling-tile" grate mass burn type municipal waste combustion units from the "mass burn waterwall" classification to the "rotary waterwall" classification.
- ! The emission guidelines for large municipal waste combustors reference the definitions included in the performance standards. Consequently, changing the definition in the standards of performance also changes the definition in the emissions guidelines.
- ! Today's action will affect only Savannah Energy Systems located in Savannah, Georgia which is the only large municipal waste combustor of this design type in the United States.
- ! EPA is taking this action as a direct final rule and a proposed rule. This means that it will become effective if no adverse public comment is received within 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. However, if a comment is received, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule, and address the issue through the proposed rulemaking. The Agency will carefully review and analyze all public comments before making a final decision.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- ! There are no health or environmental benefits associated with this action.

COST

- ! There are no costs associated with this action.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- ! To download the standards and emission guidelines from EPA's web site under "Recent Actions," go to the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg>. For other information regarding commercial and industrial solid waste incineration, visit EPA's web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/uatw/129>.
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