

ELECTRONIC REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

FACT SHEET

ACTION

- On December 21, 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expanded its electronic reporting requirements. This rule requires certain 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 action include summary reports, excess emissions reports, performance test reports, performance evaluation reports and other similar reports required by specific rules. Therefore, today's final action 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 action. Some of the source categories 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. A complete list of source categories covered by this action can be found in Table 2 of the *Federal Register* notice.
- Currently, over four 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 11,000 reports have been successfully submitted electronically to date. This final rule expands the number of NSPS which require reports to be submitted electronically to the EPA. Additionally, this final rule allows sources to retain electronic records in lieu of hardcopy records for information submitted through CEDRI.
- Electronic reporting improves access to air emissions reports for state, local and tribal pollution control agencies and the public. Data from the reports are readily available through WebFIRE, an EPA maintained website. Additionally, the EPA will be able to use the data in Clean Air Act mandated reviews to update emissions factors and to improve emissions inventories.
- Although the transition to electronic reporting will impose short-term cost impacts, there will 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 EPA estimates the total annualized savings associated with these requirements to be approximately \$1.4 million 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 authorized by section 114 of the Clean Air Act.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Interested parties can download the notice from the EPA's website at the following address: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/new-source-performance-standards>.
- Today's final rule 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 action can be accessed using Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0174.
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