

FACT SHEET

Amendments to the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Prepared Feeds Manufacturing Facilities that are Area Sources

ACTION

- On July 20, 2010 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) amended its January 5, 2010 final rule establishing air toxics standards for prepared feeds manufacturing facilities that are area sources.
- The amendments make corrections to the final standards. They correct the date for new sources to submit a Notification of Compliance Status form, correct information that must be included in the Notification of Compliance Report for certain facilities, and add language to the regulatory text requiring submittal of the annual compliance certification report that was inadvertently left out of the final rule.
- EPA is publishing these amendments as a direct final rule because the amendments are not controversial. EPA also is publishing a parallel proposal for these amendments from which we can respond to comments in a subsequent final action.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS AND COSTS

- These amendments do not change the level of emissions control or the level of health protection provided by the current standards.
- These amendments will have no cost impact on facilities covered by the current rule.

BACKGROUND

- The Clean Air Act requires EPA to identify categories of industrial sources that emit one or more listed 188 toxic air pollutants. These industrial categories include both major and area sources.
- Area sources are those that do not emit or do not have the potential to emit more than 10 tons per year of a single toxic air pollutant or more than 25 tons per year of any combination of toxic air pollutants.
- The Clean Air Act requires EPA to identify the toxic air pollutants that pose a health threat in the largest number of urban areas and to regulate sufficient area source categories to ensure that the emissions of these “urban” air toxics are reduced. EPA

implements these requirements through the Integrated Urban Air Toxics Strategy. Prepared feeds manufacturing facilities are included on the area source category list because these facilities may emit chromium compounds and manganese compounds.

- For area sources within each source category, the Clean Air Act allows EPA to develop standards or requirements which provide for the use of generally available control technologies or management practices (GACT) rather than the maximum achievable control technology (MACT) required for major sources.
- The final air toxics rules were issued in response to a court order that directs EPA to issue final rules for area sources every 6 months.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- To download a copy the final rule, go to EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/>.
- For further information about the final rule, contact Ms. Jan King of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5665 or king.jan@epa.gov.