

FACT SHEET

Proposed Amendments to Air Toxics Standards for Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Area Sources

ACTION

- On November 1, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed amendments to the 2008 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Area Sources.
- Following a technology review conducted under the Clean Air Act (CAA), EPA is proposing that there are no cost-effective developments that would further reduce air toxics. Therefore, we are not proposing amendments to existing emissions standards based on the technology review.
- However, EPA is proposing the following clarifying edits due to stakeholder input or technical updates, and amendments to the rule consistent with other recent rulemakings and court decisions:
 - Simplify the exemption process for sources that do not spray apply coatings containing target hazardous air pollutants (HAP), which include chromium, lead, manganese, nickel, and cadmium;
 - Acknowledge that emissions standards apply at all times, including during periods of startup, shutdown and malfunction (SSM). The NESHAP's SSM exemption issue was previously resolved by a change to the General Provisions. Therefore, rule-specific revisions are not necessary;
 - Require electronic reporting; and
 - Other minor technical updates and clarifications.

TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

- The CAA requires EPA to assess, review and revise air toxics standards, as necessary, taking into account developments in practices, processes and control technologies.
- The technology review of the Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations area source standards did not identify any developments that would further reduce air toxics emissions for area sources regulated under the original NESHAP.

BACKGROUND

- On January 9, 2008, EPA promulgated the NESHAP for area sources engaged in paint stripping, surface coating of motor vehicles and mobile equipment, and miscellaneous surface coating operations (subpart HHHHHH; also referred to as "subpart 6H").
- The standards address HAP emissions of methylene chloride from paint stripping and target HAP from surface coating operations.

- Approximately 40,000 sources are subject to these standards. These sources are primarily small refinishing shops located across the United States.

HOW TO COMMENT

- EPA will accept comments for 45 days after the proposal is published in the *Federal Register*.
- Comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0016 may be submitted by one of the following methods:
 - Go to <https://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-HQ-OAR-2021-0016.
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 - We encourage the public to submit comments via <https://www.regulations.gov/> or email, as there may be a delay in processing mail and faxes. Hand deliveries and couriers may be received by scheduled appointment only.
 - For further information on EPA Docket Center services and their current status, please visit us online at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Interested parties can download a copy of the proposed rule notice from EPA's website at the following address: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/paint-stripping-and-miscellaneous-surface-coating-operations>
- Today's action and other background information are also available electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov/>, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system.
- For further technical information about the rule, contact John Feather, EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, at (919)-541-3052 or feather.john@epa.gov.