

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 63**

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National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Phosphoric Acid Manufacturing Plants and Phosphate Fertilizers Production Plants**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule; amendments.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to amend the national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for phosphoric acid manufacturing plants and the NESHAP for phosphate fertilizers production plants which were promulgated on June 10, 1999 under authority of section 112 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). This action proposes to amend specific provisions in the NESHAP to resolve issues and questions raised after promulgation of the NESHAP. The proposed amendments would revise the emissions limit for phosphate rock calciners and clarify several provisions regarding parameter monitoring and the applicability of the general provisions.

In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are making the corrections in a direct final rule, without prior proposal, because we view the revisions as noncontroversial, and we anticipate no adverse comments. We have explained our reasons for the corrections in the preamble to the direct final rule.

If we receive no adverse comments, we will take no further action on this proposed rule. If we receive adverse comments, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register**. All public comments will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on that subsequent final rule. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

DATES: *Comments.* Written comments must be received by January 16, 2002, unless a hearing is requested by December 27, 2001. If a hearing is requested, written comments must be received by January 31, 2002.

Public Hearing. If anyone contacts the EPA requesting to speak at a public hearing by December 27, 2001, a public hearing will be held on January 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: *Comments.* By U.S. Postal Service, send comments (in duplicate, if

possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket Number A-94-02, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by courier, deliver comments (in duplicate if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket Number A-94-02, Room M-1500, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington DC 20460. The EPA requests that a separate copy of each public comment be sent to the contact person listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Comments may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions provided in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Public Hearing. If a public hearing is held, it will be held at the EPA's Office of Administration Auditorium, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina at 10:30 a.m.

Docket. Docket No. A-94-02 contains supporting information used in developing the NESHAP. The docket is located at the U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460 in Room M-1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor), and may be inspected from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Tanya Medley, Minerals and Inorganic Chemicals Group, Emission Standards Division (MC-C504-05), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number (919) 541-5422, facsimile number (919) 541-5600, electronic mail (e-mail) address: medley.tanya@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A direct final rule identical to this proposal is published in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**. If relevant adverse comments are received on this proposal, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and the comments will be addressed in a subsequent final rule. If relevant adverse comments are received only on a discrete portion of the rule, we will consider withdrawing only that portion of the rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received, no further action will be taken on this proposal and the direct final will become effective as provided in that notice.

The regulatory text for this proposal is identical to that for the direct final rule published in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**. For further supplementary information, see the direct final rule.

Comments. Comments and data may be submitted by e-mail to: a-and-r-docket@epa.gov. Electronic comments

must be submitted as an ASCII file to avoid the use of special characters and encryption problems and will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect format. All comments and data submitted in electronic form must note the docket number A-94-02. No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted by e-mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Commenters wishing to submit proprietary information for consideration must clearly distinguish such information from other comments and clearly label it as CBI. Send submissions containing such proprietary information directly to the following address, and not to the public docket, to ensure that proprietary information is not inadvertently placed in the docket: OAQPS Document Control Officer, MC-C404-02, Attn: Ms. Tanya Medley, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. The EPA will disclose information identified as CBI only to the extent allowed by the procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies a submission when it is received by EPA, the information may be made available to the public without further notice to the commenter.

Public Hearing

Persons interested in presenting oral testimony or inquiring as to whether a hearing is to be held should contact Ms. Tanya Medley, U.S. EPA, MC-C504-05, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, telephone (919) 541-5422, at least 2 days in advance of the public hearing. Persons interested in attending the public hearing must also call Ms. Tanya Medley to verify the time, date, and location of the hearing. The public hearing will provide interested parties the opportunity to present data, views, or arguments concerning these proposed amendments.

Docket

The docket is an organized and complete file of all the information considered by the EPA in the development of this rulemaking. The docket is a dynamic file because material is added throughout the rulemaking process. The docketing system is intended to allow members of the public and industries involved to readily identify and locate documents so that they can effectively participate in the rulemaking process. Along with the proposed and promulgated rules and their preambles, the contents of the docket will serve as the record in the case of judicial review. (See section

307(d)(7)(A) of the CAA.) The regulatory text and other materials related to this rulemaking are available for review in the docket or copies may be mailed on request from the Air Docket by calling (202) 260-7548. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying docket materials.

Worldwide Web (WWW). In addition to being available in the docket, an

electronic copy of this proposed rule will also be available through the WWW. Following signature, a copy of this action will be posted on the EPA's Technology Transfer Network (TTN) policy and guidance page for newly proposed or promulgated rules: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg>. The TTN at EPA's web site provides information

and technology exchange in various areas of air pollution control. If more information regarding the TTN is needed, call the TTN HELP line at (919) 541-5384.

Regulated Entities

The regulated category and entities affected by this action include:

Source category	SIC	NAICS	Examples of regulated entities
Industrial	2874	325314	Phosphoric acid manufacturing facilities (wet process phosphoric acid process line, superphosphoric acid process line, phosphate rock dryer, phosphate rock calciner, purified phosphoric acid process line).
Industrial	2874	325314	Phosphate fertilizers production (diammonium and/or monoammonium phosphate process line, granular triple superphosphate process line, granular triple superphosphate storage building).

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers likely to be interested in the revisions to the rule affected by this action. To determine whether your facility, is regulated by this action, you should examine the applicability criteria of the rules. If you have questions regarding the applicability of these proposed amendments to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

What Are the Administrative Requirements for This Action?

For a complete discussion of all of the administrative requirements applicable to this action, see the direct final rule in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), as Amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.

The RFA generally requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice

and comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions.

For purposes of assessing the impacts of this proposed rule on small entities, the EPA found that 2 of the 21 firms that potentially could be subject to the standards are small firms. Of the two, data indicate that one is an area source which would not be covered by the standards. The second source could be major and subject to the requirements of the standards. Information available to EPA shows, however, that the second source is able to achieve the control levels associated with the promulgated rules using existing equipment. The second source would not be significantly impacted by this proposed action because it clarifies and makes corrections to the promulgated rules but imposes no additional regulatory requirements.

Because the proposed rule amendments impose no additional regulatory requirements on owners or operators of phosphoric acid manufacturing plants or phosphate fertilizers production plants, I certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

For information regarding other administrative requirements for this action, please see the direct final rule action that is located in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register** publication.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 63

Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: December 10, 2001.

Christine Todd Whitman,
Administrator.

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