

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 63**

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RIN 2060-AG52

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Plywood and Composite Wood Products**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This action proposes national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for the plywood and composite wood products (PCWP) source category. The EPA has determined that the PCWP source category contains major sources of hazardous air pollutants (HAP), including acetaldehyde, acrolein, formaldehyde, methanol, phenol, and propionaldehyde. These HAP are associated with a variety of adverse health effects. These adverse health effects include chronic health disorders (e.g., damage to nasal membranes, reproductive disorders, and problems with pregnancies) and acute health disorders (e.g., irritation of eyes, throat, and mucous membranes, dizziness, headache, and nausea). Three of the HAP have been classified as probable or possible human carcinogens. These proposed standards would implement section 112(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) by requiring all major sources subject to the rule to meet HAP emission standards reflecting the application of the maximum achievable control technology (MACT). Implementation of the proposed standards would reduce HAP emissions from the PCWP source category by approximately 9,700 megagrams per year (Mg/yr) (11,000 tons per year (tons/yr)). In addition, the proposed standards would reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) by 25,000 Mg/yr (27,000 tons/yr). This action also proposes to add a method to the relevant General Provisions to measure methanol, formaldehyde, and phenol and a method to measure total HAP at PCWP facilities.

DATES: *Comments.* Submit comments on or before March 10, 2003.

Public Hearing. If anyone contacts the EPA requesting to speak at a public hearing by January 29, 2003, a public hearing will be held on February 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: *Comments.* Written comments sent by U.S. mail should be submitted (in duplicate if possible) to:

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Mail Code 6102T), Attention Docket Number A-98-44, Room B108, U.S. EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Written comments delivered in person or by courier (e.g., FedEx, Airborne, and UPS) should be submitted (in duplicate if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Mail Code 6102T), Attention Docket Number A-98-44, Room B102, U.S. EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The EPA requests a separate copy also be sent to the contact person listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

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

Docket. Docket No. A-98-44 contains supporting information used in developing the standards. The docket is located at the U.S. EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 in room B108, and may be inspected from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General and technical information. Mary Tom Kissell, Waste and Chemical Processes Group, Emissions Standards Division (C439-03), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number (919) 541-4516, electronic mail (e-mail) address kissell.mary@epa.gov.

Methods, sampling, and monitoring information. Gary McAlister, Source Measurement Analysis Group, Emission Monitoring and Analysis Division (D243-02), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number (919) 541-1062, e-mail address mcalister.gary@epa.gov.

Economic impacts and benefit analysis. Larry Sorrels, Innovative Strategies and Economics Group, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division (C339-01), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number (919) 541-5041, e-mail address sorrels.larry@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments. Comments and data may be submitted by electronic mail (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® version 5.1, 6.1 or Corel 8 file format. All comments and data submitted in electronic form must note the docket number: A-98-44. 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: Attention: Mary Tom Kissell, c/o OAQPS Document Control Officer (C404-02), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park NC 27711. The EPA will disclose information identified as CBI only 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 the 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 JoLynn Collins, Waste and Chemical Processes Group, Emissions Standards Division (C439-03), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5671 at least 2 days in advance of the public hearing. Persons interested in attending the public hearing must also call JoLynn Collins 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 emission standards.

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 standards and their preambles, the contents of the docket, with certain exceptions, 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) 566-1742. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying docket materials.