

FACT SHEET

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines; and New Source Performance Standards: Internal Combustion Engines Electronic Reporting Amendments

ACTION

- On June 26, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to amend Clean Air Act rules for stationary engines to add electronic reporting requirements, clarify and correct inadvertent and other minor errors in the Code of Federal Regulations, and solicit comment on a provision that applies to emergency engines.
- Stationary engines are used in a variety of applications from generating electricity to power pumps and compressors in power and manufacturing plants. They are also used in the event of an emergency such as fire or flood. There are many thousands of these engines located at sources across the country.
- The amendments would apply to three rules:
 - the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE);
 - the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Stationary Compression Ignition (CI) Internal Combustion Engines; and
 - the NSPS for Stationary Spark Ignition (SI) Internal Combustion Engines.
- The addition of electronic reporting provisions would provide for simplified reporting by sources and enhance availability of data on sources to EPA and the public.
- EPA does not expect any change in emissions as a result of these proposed revisions. We project the electronic reporting will lead to a cost savings over time.
- The small number of clarifications and corrections that are proposed would correct inadvertent and other minor errors in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), particularly related to tables.
- To better understand the need for the provisions or how they could potentially be revised, EPA is also soliciting comment on the provisions specifying that emergency engines can operate for up to 50 hours per year to mitigate local transmission and/or distribution limitations to avert potential voltage collapse or line overloads that could lead to the interruption of power supply in a local area or region.
- EPA promulgated the original NESHAP for RICE in 2004. EPA promulgated the original NSPS for CI engines in 2006, and the NSPS for SI engines in 2008.
- EPA will accept comment on the proposed amendments for 60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

HOW TO COMMENT

- EPA will accept comments for 60 days after the proposal is published in the Federal Register.
- Comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0879, 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-2022-0879.
- Fax your comments to: (202) 566-9744, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0879.
- Mail your comments to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0879.
- Deliver comments in person to: EPA Docket Center, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 3334, Washington, DC. Note: In-person deliveries (including courier deliveries) are only accepted during the Docket Center's normal hours of operation. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Interested parties can download a copy of the proposed rule notice from EPA's website at the following addresses:
 - <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-engines/national-emission-standards-hazardous-air-pollutants-reciprocating-internal-0>
 - <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-engines/new-source-performance-standards-stationary-spark-ignition-internal-combustion-0>
 - <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-engines/new-source-performance-standards-stationary-compression-ignition-internal-0>
- Today's action and other background information are also available electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov/>, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system.
 - The Public Reading Room is located at the EPA Headquarters library, room number 3334 in the EPA WJC West Building, 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 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 proposed action can be accessed using Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0879.
- For further technical information about the rule, contact Christopher Werner, EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, at (919) 541-5133 or werner.christopher@epa.gov.