



## **July 2013 Action Initiation List (as of 9/18/2013)**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The following actions were initiated by EPA this month. Explanations of which EPA actions are included on this list and of each element of the table can be found at the end of this document.

The two most recent Action Initiation Lists (AILs) can always be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/lawsregs/search/ail.html>. But, they will not provide updates on the actions listed herein. Updates on priority rulemakings are available from EPA's Regulatory Development and Retrospective Review Tracker (RegDaRRT) on [www.epa.gov/rulemaking/](http://www.epa.gov/rulemaking/).

If one of the rules on this AIL is in RegDaRRT, a link to the rule's profile is included in the table below. For all rules – those that are in RegDaRRT and those that are not – you may obtain updates twice a year in EPA's Semiannual Regulatory Agenda, which is accessible from these Web sites:

- EPA's Laws, Regulations, Guidance and Dockets (<http://www.epa.gov/lawsregs/search/regagenda.html>)
- RegInfo.gov (<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>)
- Regulations.gov  
(<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=UnifiedAgenda&agency=EPA&pubperiod=200710>)

Action Title	Stage	Contact	Abstract	Projected Publication Date
Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Modified Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units	NPRM	Sharon Nizich 919-541-2825 Nizich.Sharon@epa.gov	On June 25, 2013, President Obama issued a Presidential Memorandum directing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to work expeditiously to complete carbon pollution standards for the power sector. The Presidential Memorandum directs EPA to issue proposed carbon pollution standards, regulations, or guidelines, as appropriate, for modified and existing power plants by no later than June 1, 2014 and issue final standards, regulations, or guidelines, as appropriate, by no later than June 1, 2015. This action will amend the electric generating units (EGU) New Source Performance Standards for modified sources for greenhouse gas (GHG) under Clean Air Act section 111(b).	12 months or less
Vacatur of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) of PM2.5 Significant Impact Levels (SILs) and Significant Monitoring Concentration (SMC)	Final	Ben Garwood 919-541-1358 Garwood.Ben@epa.gov	This final rule would amend prevention of significant deterioration regulations for PM2.5 to remove the vacated portions of the Significant Impact Levels (SIL) and Significant Monitoring Concentration (SMC) provisions. On January 22, 2013, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit granted an EPA request to vacate and remand to the EPA portions of the Significant Impact Levels (SILs) provisions for PM2.5. The Court further vacated parts of two Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules establishing a PM2.5 SMC.	12 months or less
Hazardous Waste Export-Import Revisions Rule	NPRM	Laura Coughlan 703-308-0005 Coughlan.Laura@epa.gov	EPA is considering the development of proposed revisions to the hazardous waste export-import related requirements in 40 CFR Parts 262-265 for the purpose of (1) making existing export and import related requirements more consistent with the current import-export requirements required for shipments between members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); (2) enabling electronic submittal of all export and import-related documents (e.g., export notices, export annual reports); and (3) enabling electronic validation of export shipment data prior to exit.	12 months or less

## What EPA Actions Appear on the AILs?

Generally, AILs include those actions that 1) will appear in upcoming *Semiannual Regulatory Agenda* and 2) have been approved for commencement by EPA's Regulatory Policy Officer. In rare instances, an action will not appear on an AIL before it appears in the *Agenda*. Also, keep in mind that AILs will not post immediately. You can access a given month's list roughly 15 days after the close of the month (e.g., the April 2011 AIL will post sometime around May 15th).

## What Does Each Column in the AIL Mean?

**Title:** Self-explanatory.

**Stage:** The stage of an action describes where we are in the rule writing process, from the very beginning when a rule (or other action) is just an idea to the end when it is published as a final rule (or other action) in the Federal Register. For example, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) stage announces a proposed rule or proposed modification to an existing rule. In the AILs, the following acronyms are used:

- ANPRM - Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- NPRM - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- Supplemental - Supplemental NPRM
- Direct Final - Direct Final Action
- Interim Final – Interim Final Action
- Final – Final Action
- Section 610 Review – Agency Review under Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act

**Contact:** Provides the name, phone, and email address for the EPA staff person assigned to this rule. Additionally, if a rule is in EPA's RegDaRRT ([www.epa.gov/rulemaking/](http://www.epa.gov/rulemaking/)), then a link to the rule's profile will be provided in this column.

**Abstract:** A brief summary of the action and its purpose.

**Projected Publication Date:** Since many variables affect how long it takes to write a rule or other action, it is difficult to predict a firm publication date when we have just started working on an action. Therefore, we insert one of two options in the "Projected Publication Date" column: 1) "12 months or less" and 2) "more than 12 months." These options give you some idea of how quickly we expect to complete an action.