

Proposed Rule: 2011 Revisions to Greenhouse Gas Rule Affecting Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems (Subpart W) and Electronics Manufacturing (Subpart I)

Action

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to amend specific provisions in 40 CFR part 98 to clarify certain terms and definitions within Subpart W (Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems) and Subpart I (Electronics Manufacturing).
- For Subpart W, EPA is proposing amendments to assist facilities with meeting reporting requirements, such as providing additional information on where measurements must be taken and where emission factors should be applied. EPA is also proposing to provide greater specificity on applicability and reporting thresholds, and clarifying the term *Designated Representative*.
- For Subpart I, EPA is clarifying the definition of heat transfer fluids.
- These proposed amendments are not expected to add additional requirements for reporters. The anticipated net effect of proposed changes would be to improve accuracy of the data while maintaining or reducing in some cases the burden for those required to report for both Subparts, while having no appreciable effect on the total amount of GHG emissions covered by this program.
- This action would not affect the reporting deadline under either Subpart.

Proposed Rule Overview

In general, this proposal does not significantly change the overall requirements of the final rule. It does clarify the requirements and ensures consistency across the calculations, monitoring and data reporting requirements for the rule. EPA has also identified certain cases where it is appropriate to revise 40 CFR part 98 to reflect facility-specific circumstances and clarify implementation of the reporting rule as originally intended.

- EPA is proposing technical revisions to the following Subparts:

Subpart A	General Provisions
Subpart I	Electronics Manufacturing
Subpart W	Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems

- For more information on other provisions of the GHG Mandatory Reporting Rule finalized in October 2009 and the subsequent amendments during 2010, including implementation information and a schedule of training opportunities, and instructions on submitting comments on the proposed rule amendments, visit the EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/ghgrules> Public comments may be submitted by e-mail to: GHG_Reporting_Rule_Oil_And_Natural_Gas@epa.gov.
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