

REPORTED REQUEST FOR RFC #: 2214

Request for Correction: THE ELECTRONIC VERSIONS TWO EPA DOCUMENTS (EPA 453/R-96-007 AND EPA 453/R-97-004 HAVE FORMAT PROBLEMS DUE TO CONVERSION PROBLEMS FROM OLDER WORDPERFECT SOFTWARE TO THE CURRENT WORDPERFECT SOFTWARE. THESE TWO DOCUMENTS ARE FOUND ON EPA'S WEBSITE AND ARE RELIED UPON BY EPA STAFF, STATE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCIES, AND REGULATED INDUSTRIES FOR INFORMATION ON "REASONABLY AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY" FOR VOC EMISSIONS.

Compliance with IQGs: THE INFORMATION DOES MEET THE UTILITY ASPECTS OF THE INFORMATION QUALITY GUIDELINES DUE TO FORMAT ERRORS. THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE FOR USERS IS TO EITHER : (1) ORDER A PAPER COPY FROM NTIS AT SUBSTANTIAL COST (SOME AGENCIES CANNOT ORDER SUCH DOCUMENTS FROM NTIS) AND ALSO WITH POOR VISUAL QUALITY (NTIS COPY IS FROM A MICROFICHE VERSION) OR (2) BORROW A MICROFICHE COPY FROM AN EPA LIBRARY AND THEN PRINT A POOR QUALITY PAPER COPY.

Recommendation: EPA CAN PRODUCE A PDF VERSION FROM THE OLD WORDPERFECT VERSION USING THE RELATED OLD WORDPERFECT SOFTWARE AND PDF-GENERATING SOFTWARE. OR PRODUCE A CURRENT WORDPERFECT VERSION FROM THE OLD WORDPERFECT VERSION AND CORRECT ANY CONVERSION ERRORS. THEN POST ON EPA'S WEBSITE THE CORRECTED ELECTRONIC FILES (EITHER NEW PDF OR UPDATED WORDPERFECT). SUCH FILE CORRECTIONS CAN BE DONE IN-HOUSE AT EPA, OR BY AN EPA CONTRACTOR, OR BY A SPECIALLY FUNDED STATE AGENCY.

Impact: CORRECTION OF THE ELECTRONIC ERRORS WOULD BENEFIT CURRENT USERS OF THOSE TWO DOCUMENTS. OHIO EPA, INDUSTRY IN OHIO, EPA-REGION V STAFF, AND PRESUMABLY OTHERS NATIONWIDE WOULD BENEFIT. THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF HARD-TO-READ AND HARD-TO-USE PAPER COPIES FROM A MICROFICHE READER OR FROM AN NTIS-COPY (ALSO FROM MICROFICHE) IS TOO CUMBERSOME AND INEFFICIENT.

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