

FACT SHEET

PETROLEUM REFINERY RECONSIDERATION

ACTION

- On October 6, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a decision to grant reconsideration and request comment on five specific issues that were raised in petitions for reconsideration on the Refinery Sector Rule for which EPA did not provide adequate opportunity for notice and comment.
- The Refinery Sector Rule was published on December 1, 2015 and became effective on February 1, 2016. Following promulgation of the final rule, we received three separate petitions for reconsideration. On June 16, 2016, letters were sent to petitioners granting reconsideration on the petitioners' claims as they relate to aspects of the final rule where the public was not afforded an opportunity for notice and comment.
- The issues are:
 - the work practice standards for pressure relief devices (PRD),
 - the work practice standards for emergency flaring,
 - the assessment and consideration of risk from the implementation of the flaring and PRD work practice standards in the overall acceptability decision,
 - the delayed coker water overflow alternative provision, and
 - one fence-line monitoring provision allowing refineries to reduce the frequency of monitoring at sampling stations that consistently record low benzene concentrations.
- Also in this action, EPA is proposing amendments to the final rule to clarify a compliance issue and to correct referencing errors.
- There are currently 142 large (major source) and seven small (area source) petroleum refineries in the United States. There are 36 small businesses that own petroleum refineries.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Interested parties can download the notice from EPA's web site at the following address:
<https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/petroleum-refinery-sector-risk-and-technology-review-and-new-source>

- The final rule is also available either electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, or in hard copy at the EPA Docket Center's Public Reading Room.
 - The Public Reading Room is located in the EPA Headquarters Library, Room Number 3334 in the EPA WJC West Building, located at 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 action can be accessed using Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0682.
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