

# Proposed Amendments to Air Toxics Standards for the Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources and the Kraft Pulp Mill New Source Performance Standards: Fact Sheet

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## ACTION

- On October 22, 2019, the US. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed amendments to: (1) the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Pulp Mill Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources, and (2) the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Kraft Pulp Mills.
- The proposed amendments address technical corrections for both existing and new source standards.
- These actions provide clear guidance for sources to demonstrate continuous compliance.
- This action would apply to facilities that produce chemical pulp and utilize dynamic or low energy entrainment smelt dissolving tank scrubbers.
- EPA will accept comment on the proposed amendments for 60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

## AMENDMENTS

- These amendments are being proposed to improve regulatory clarity and clarify continuous compliance demonstration requirements for standards applicable to both new and existing sources.
- The amendments:
  - Correct inadvertent cross-reference errors; and
  - Clarify how facilities establish fan amperage operating limits for certain smelt dissolving tank wet scrubber designs.

## BACKGROUND

- The Pulp and Paper Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources NESHAP was issued, pursuant to section 112(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), in January 2001 and amended in 2003.
- On October 11, 2017, EPA published final amendments to the 2001 NESHAP, as part of the risk and technology review, for new and existing sources used in chemical recovery processes at kraft, soda, sulfite, and stand-alone semichemical pulp mills. This final action established October 11, 2019, as the compliance date for existing sources.
- On April 4, 2014, EPA published NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills, which included emission standards for units commencing construction, reconstruction or modification after May 23, 2013.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- To download a copy of the proposed rule notice, go to EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/kraft-soda-sulfite-and-stand-alone-semichemical-pulp-mills-mact-ii>.
- Today's action notice and other background information are also available either electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov/>, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, or in hardcopy at the EPA Docket Center's Public Reading Room.
  - The Public Reading Room is located at the EPA Headquarters library, room number 3334 in the 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-2014-0741.
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