



April 2013 Action Initiation List (as of 6/25/2013)

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/.

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
Additions to List Section 241.4 Categorical Non-Waste Fuels	NPRM	Tab Tesnau 703-605-0636 Tesnau.Tab@epa.gov	In the 2013 Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials (NHSM) final rule, EPA established a rulemaking process for categorical determinations for adding NHSMs as non-waste fuels. In addition, EPA identified several NHSMs that it considered to be good candidates for a categorical listing. This action will propose adding NHSMs to the list of categorical non-wastes, and will demonstrate how each NHSM successfully meets the criteria listed in 40 CFR 241.4(b)(5).	12 months or less
Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries Under CERCLA	NPRM, Direct Final	Patricia Overmeyer 202-566-1926 Overmeyer.Patricia@epa.gov	EPA plans to amend the Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries to reference changes to a standard practice when ASTM International, a widely recognized standards development organization, makes available changes. Currently, EPA is considering amending the All Appropriate Inquiries Rule to reference ASTM International's most recent E1527 "Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process" and allow for its use to satisfy the statutory requirements for conducting all appropriate inquiries under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).	12 months or less
Technical Revisions to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems Source Category of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule	NPRM	Mark DeFigueiredo 202-343-9928 DeFigueiredo@epa.gov	This action will propose technical revisions to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems source category (Subpart W) of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule. Specifically, the rule would correct technical errors, revise unclear or ambiguous provisions, address implementation issues raised by facilities, improve consistency of the data collected, and help ensure that data collected is representative of industry.	12 months or less
Air Quality Designations for the 2012 PM2.5 Standards	Direct Final	Elizabeth Palma 919-541-5432	This action will establish the air quality designations and classifications for all areas of the United States under the revised 2012 annual particular matter (PM) 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Designations of attainment, nonattainment, or unclassifiable are based on air quality monitoring data and other relevant information pertaining to the air quality in the affected area, including whether an area contributes to a violation of the standard in a nearby area.	More than 12 months

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/), 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.