



March 2013 Action Initiation List (as of 5/01/2013)

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
Air Quality: Revisions to Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds - Exclusion of 2-Amino-2Methyl-1-Propanol (AMP)	NPRM, Direct Final	Dave Sanders 919-541-3356 Sanders.Dave@epa.gov	This direct final with parallel proposal would revise EPA's definition of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) for purposes of preparing State Implementation Plans to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone. The action would add 2-Amino-2Methyl-1-Propanol (AMP) to the list of compounds excluded from the definition of VOC on the basis that this compound makes a negligible contribution to tropospheric ozone formation. VOC exemption petition submitted by Angus/Dow on 10/3/2012.	12 months or less
Air Quality: Revision to Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds - Exclusion of HFE-347pc-f	NPRM, Direct Final	Dave Sanders 919-541-3356 Sanders.Dave@epa.gov	This direct final with parallel proposal proposes to revise EPA's definition of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) for purposes of preparing SIPs to attain the NAAQS for ozone. The proposal would add HFE-347pc-f to the list of compounds excluded from the definition of VOC on the basis that this compound makes a negligible contribution to tropospheric ozone formation. VOC exemption petition submitted by AGC Chemicals Americas, Inc. on 2/5/2007.	12 months or less

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.