

FACT SHEET

NOTICE OF DATA AVAILABILITY FOR NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE

TODAY'S ACTION...

- ◆ The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a notice of data availability for the natural gas transmission and storage industry. This data provides information to better characterize the natural gas transmission and storage industry, which will aid EPA in the development of a regulation to limit emissions of hazardous air pollutants from this industry.
- ◆ EPA expects this notice to be of interest to natural gas transmission and storage companies subject to the hazardous air pollutant regulation that EPA proposed in February 1998 regarding glycol dehydrator process vents, and to State and local air pollution control agencies with natural gas transmission and storage facilities in their jurisdictions.
- ◆ The notice will be effective upon publication in the Federal Register. There will be a thirty day period for review of the data and comment. EPA will hold a public hearing if one is requested.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE NOTICE OF DATA AVAILABILITY?

- ◆ This notice announces the availability of, and the opportunity to comment on, additional data EPA has collected through a survey questionnaire and facility site visits. The purpose of this data is to provide EPA and affected facilities with more information to aid in the development of a regulation to limit the emissions of hazardous air pollutants from the natural gas transmission and storage industry.

BACKGROUND

- ◆ EPA proposed regulations on February 6, 1998 specifying control requirements for glycol dehydrator process vents at natural gas transmission and storage facilities. These control requirements would reduce emissions of hazardous air pollutants from these facilities. Hazardous air pollutants are known to cause, or suspected of causing, adverse health and environmental effects.
- ◆ Comments received in response to the proposed rule stated that EPA did not have sufficient information to propose a technology-based air emissions standard (commonly referred to as a MACT standard) for the natural gas transmission and storage industry.
- ◆ In response to these comments, EPA has collected more information on the natural gas transmission and storage industry through a survey questionnaire and facility site visits. This information will aid in the development of the final regulation for this industry.

WILL CHANGES BE MADE TO THE PROPOSED RULE DUE TO THE NEW DATA?

- ◆ Based on a review of all data available, the EPA is taking comment on changing the control

requirement exemption from 85 thousand cubic meters per day (3.0 million standard cubic feet per day) to 283 thousand cubic meters per day (10.0 million standard cubic feet per day) for glycol dehydration units within the transmission and storage industry. No other changes are presently being considered as an outgrowth of the new data.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- ◆ Interested parties can download the notice from EPA's web site on the Internet under "recent actions" at the following address: *www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg*. For further information about the notice or the proposed rule, contact Greg Nizich of the EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-3078 or **nizich.greg@epa.gov**,

- ◆ **EPA's Office of Air and Radiation's homepage on the Internet contains a wide range of information of the air toxics program, as well as many other air pollution programs and issues. The Office of Air and Radiations's home page address is: *www.epa.gov/oar/*.**