

FACT SHEET

REVISIONS TO THE CLEAN AIR ACT'S AIR TOXICS SOURCE CATEGORY LIST AND SCHEDULE FOR STANDARDS

TODAY'S ACTION

- ! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a notice of the revisions of the list of industrial sources (known as source categories) for which it develops regulations to control air toxics.
- ! Air toxics, also called hazardous air pollutants, are those pollutants known or suspected to cause cancer and other serious health problems.
- ! The revisions include the addition of three categories, the deletion of three categories, and several category name changes.
- ! Regulations are met through emission control or implementation requirements which have already been set.
- ! See the attached pages for a list of categories and changes.

BACKGROUND

- ! The Clean Air Act requires EPA to continue to review and update its list of categories of industries that emit one or more of 188 listed toxic air pollutants. For listed categories of "major" industrial sources, the law requires EPA to develop standards requiring those industries to achieve emission reduction equivalent to putting into place what is known as "maximum achievable control technology."
- ! "Major" sources are those that emit at least 10 tons annually of a single pollutant or at least 25 tons of combined pollutants.
- ! EPA has made several changes to the source categories, based on information that was not available when the Agency issued the initial list. The Agency will continue to evaluate newly available data and will routinely review the list to ensure that it is accurate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- ! To read the text of today's notice, go to the EPA's World Wide Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/ramain.html>. For more information, call Ms. Yvonne W. Johnson of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-2798.

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Here are the changes outlined in today's notice:

Category Name Changes

(Previous names are in italics)

- Leather Tanning and Finishing Operations -- (*Leather Production*)
- Solvent Extraction for Vegetable Oil Production -- (*Vegetable Oil Production*)
- Petroleum Refineries - Catalytic Cracking (Fluid and Other) Units, Catalytic Reforming Units, and Sulfur Plant Units -- (*Petroleum Refineries - Catalytic Cracking, Catalytic Reforming Units, and Sulfur Plant Units*)
- Municipal Solid Waste Landfills -- (*Municipal Landfills*)
- Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) -- (*Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) Emissions*)

Category Deletions

- Alumina Processing (EPA has determined there are no major sources)
- Petroleum Dry Cleaners (EPA has determined there are no major sources)
- Coke By-Product Plants (EPA has determined an existing rule is adequate)

Addition of Categories of Area Sources

- Hazardous Waste Incineration
- Portland Cement Manufacturing
- Secondary Aluminum Production