Environmental Protection Agency

40 CFR Part 63


RIN 2060–AT57

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry: Alternative Monitoring Method

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to amend the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry. In the “Rules and Regulations” section of this issue of the Federal Register, we are publishing a direct final rule, without a prior proposed rule, that temporarily revises the testing and monitoring requirements for hydrochloric acid (HCl) due to the current unavailability of HCl calibration gases used for quality assurance purposes. If we receive no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule.

DATES: Written comments must be received by July 3, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2016–0442, at http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from Regulations.gov. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (i.e., on the Web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Why is the EPA issuing this proposed rule?

This document proposes to take action on amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Pollutants From the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry. We have published a direct final rule to amend 40 CFR part 63, subpart LLL, by revising the testing and monitoring requirements for HCl in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this issue of the Federal Register because we view this as a noncontroversial action and anticipate no adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for this action in the preamble to the direct final rule.

If we receive no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If we receive adverse comment on a distinct portion of the direct final rule, we will withdraw that portion of the rule and it will not take effect. In this instance, we would address all public comments in any subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule.

If we receive adverse comment on a distinct provision of the direct final rule, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the Federal Register indicating which provisions we are withdrawing. The provisions that are not withdrawn will become effective on the date set out in the direct final rule, notwithstanding adverse comment on any other provision. We do not intend to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

The regulatory text for this proposal is identical to that for the direct final rule published in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this issue of the Federal Register. For further supplementary information, the detailed rationale for this proposal and the regulatory revisions, see the direct final rule published in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this issue of the Federal Register.

II. Does this action apply to me?

Categories and entities potentially regulated by this proposed rule include:
SUMMARY: USAID is withdrawing the proposed rule published on August 19, 2016 (81 FR 55405) as of June 23, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 19, 2016 USAID published a proposed rule at 81 FR 55405 revising the Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR) to incorporate USAID Cooperating Country National Warrant Program into the regulation. The warrant program was intended to address a shortage of U.S. direct-hire contracting officers by delegating limited contracting officer authorities to a select number of Cooperating Country National Personal Services Contractors.

The purpose of this rule withdrawal is to inform the public that USAID will not be publishing a final rule to implement this warrant program.

Dated: June 6, 2017.

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