

FACT SHEET

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE AIR TOXICS RULE FOR THE METAL CAN SURFACE COATING INDUSTRY

ACTION

- On December 29, 2005, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) amended the national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for surface coating of metal cans.
- EPA issued a national rule to limit emissions of toxic air pollutants from these facilities in 2003. This rule is one of 96 rules called maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards that require 174 industry sectors to eliminate 1.7 million tons of 188 toxic air pollutants. Congress listed these toxic air pollutants in the Clean Air Act.
- Metal can surface coating facilities employ a variety of coating processes; including one- and two-piece draw and iron can body coatings, sheet-coatings, three-piece can assembly coatings, and end coatings.
- EPA is taking direct final action to amend the standards to correct errors and clarify some sections of the rule. We view the amendments to be minor and noncontroversial, and we anticipate no adverse comments.
- The direct final rule amendments will not alter the stringency of the standards and will, therefore, have no health or environmental impacts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- To download the direct final rule amendments from EPA's website, go to "Recent Actions" at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/ramain.html> .
- Today's action and other background information are also available either electronically in EDOCKET, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, or in hard copy at EPA's Docket Center (6102T), EPA West, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room B-102, Washington, DC (Docket ID No. OAR-2003-0005 (formerly Docket No. A-98-41)). The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the EPA Docket Center is (202) 566-1742.
- For further information about the direct final rule amendments, contact Mr. Paul Almodovar of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Emission Standards Division, Coatings and Consumer Products Group at (919) 541-0283 or by e-mail at almodovar.paul@epa.gov . Or visit the Surface Coating of Metal Cans NESHAP website at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/mcan/mcanpg.html> .

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