# AMENDMENTS TO THE AIR TOXICS STANDARDS FOR SECONDARY ALUMINUM PRODUCTION FACT SHEET

## **ACTION**

- On June 13, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a direct final rule and parallel proposal to amend its 2015 rule, limiting toxic air pollution from secondary aluminum production.
  - This action corrects inadvertent errors, clarifies rule requirements for initial performance tests and submittal of malfunction reports, provides an additional option for new round top furnaces to account for unmeasured emissions during compliance testing, and clarifies what constitutes a change in furnace operating mode. This action also updates web site addresses for EPA's Electronic Reporting Tool (ERT) and the Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI). Specific clarifications the EPA is making include the following:
    - All existing and reconstructed round top furnaces are exempt from the requirements to install temporary hooding during testing, use 80-percent capture efficiency assumption, or petition EPA for an impracticability determination
    - The deadline for initial performance testing for new and reconstructed sources is
      180 days after the applicable compliance date
    - Allow new round top furnaces to account for unmeasured emissions during compliance testing using an approach that is already available to uncontrolled group 1 furnaces
    - Update web site addresses for EPA's Electronic Reporting Tool (ERT) and the Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI)
    - Reestablish paragraphs related to equipment accuracy and calibration that were inadvertently deleted
- The EPA is publishing these corrections and clarifications to ensure the requirements in the 2015 final rule are understandable to the regulated community. This action does not impose additional costs and does not change environmental impacts of the rule.
- These direct final rule technical amendments will be effective 90 days after publication of the direct final rule in the *Federal Register*.

## **BACKGROUND**

 In 2015, the EPA published a final rule revising the air toxics standards for secondary aluminum production based on the residual risk and technology reviews required under the Clean Air Act. • After publication of the final rule, the EPA received one petition for review from industry requesting clarification and amendments to the rule in a few areas. This direct final action addresses most of the issues raised in the petition.

#### **HOW TO COMMENT**

- The EPA will accept comments for 45 days after the direct final action and parallel proposal are published in the *Federal Register*.
- Comments, identified by Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2010–0544 may be submitted by one of the following methods:
  - Go to <u>www.regulations.gov</u> and follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
  - Send comments by email to a-and-r- Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No.EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0544.
  - o Fax your comments to: 202-566-9744, Attention Docket ID. No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0544.
  - Mail your comments to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center,
    Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave.,
    NW, Washington, DC, 20460, Attention Docket ID. No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0544.
  - Deliver comments in person to: EPA Docket Center, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 3334, Washington, D.C. Note: In person deliveries (including courier deliveries) are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation.
     Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- To download a copy of the direct final or parallel proposal, go to EPA's Worldwide Web site at :
  - https://www3.epa.gov/ttn/atw/alum2nd/alum2pg.html.
- Today's action and other background information are also available either electronically at <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, or in hardcopy at the EPA Docket Center's Public Reading Room.
  - The Public Reading Room is located at EPA Headquarters, room number 3334 in the EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. eastern standard time, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.
  - Visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor materials will be processed through an X-ray machine as well. Visitors will be provided a badge that must be visible at all times.

 Materials for this proposed action can be accessed using Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0544.

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