On Monday, June 7, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, or ANPRM, related to adding 1-bromopropane (1-BP) to the Clean Act Act’s list of hazardous air pollutants (HAP). EPA intends to add 1-BP to the HAP list by the end of 2021. This will be the first time that EPA has added a pollutant to the HAP list since the list was created by the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments. This chemical is largely used in solvent degreasing; it is also used in adhesives, furniture foam fabrication, and surface coatings applications in industries such as aerospace manufacturing.

EPA is currently soliciting data and information on 1-BP usage, emission controls, and costs. We will use the information gathered to inform the upcoming listing action and to help us ensure that the regulatory infrastructure is in place to effectively and efficiently control emissions of 1-BP.

On June 23, 2021, the EPA will host two webinars on the 1-BP ANPRM. These webinars will provide an opportunity for the public to provide feedback concerning facilities located within their community that may be subject to the revisions or new emission standards. Each webinar will be similar but targeted to a different audience (small businesses, Environmental Justice stakeholders and tribes).

Details of Action:
EPA is publishing an ANPRM to solicit comments and data from the public on topics related to adding 1-BP to the Clean Air Act’s HAP list. The Agency also requests information on potential impacts to small businesses, as well as potential impacts on tribes and environmental justice communities.

In addition, EPA is concerned that the current regulatory infrastructure included in the General Provisions is not sufficient to address the addition of a new HAP effectively and efficiently. We will use these webinars to gather information on the types of regulatory impacts that could occur with the listing of a new HAP and to identify where addition infrastructure may be needed.

Background:
• EPA granted two petitions to add 1-BP to the HAP list on June 18, 2020.
• Once added to the HAP list, EPA must regulate 1-BP as a HAP under CAA section 112.
• While EPA has previously removed substances from the HAP list, this will be the first time that a substance will be added.

The published ANPRM and a fact sheet are available on the web at https://www.epa.gov/haps/petitions-add-1-bp-npb-clean-air-act-list-hazardous-air-pollutants.

See below for webinar details.

HOW TO REGISTER: Click the links below to register for these upcoming webinars. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information on how to join the webinar. Please register by noon, Wednesday, June 23rd.

Webinars will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Click link to register)
3:00p.m.-4:00p.m. EDT: Communities/Environmental Justice Stakeholders/Tribes
4:00p.m.-5:00p.m. EDT: Small Business Stakeholders

We look forward to your participation and encourage you to share this invitation with others in the Small Business community who may be interested.