

FACT SHEET

Technical Amendments to Air Toxics Standards for Surface Coating of Wood Building Products

ACTION

- On February 27, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a technical correction to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Surface Coating of Wood Building Products.
- The technical correction removed an outdated reference to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards which were used to calculate the total organic HAP content of coating materials. The reference was replaced with a table directly listing the organic hazardous air pollutants (HAP) that must be included during these calculations.
- Although a separate NESHAP, this technical correction is included in the final rulemaking package for the Wood Preserving Area Sources technology review.

BACKGROUND

- Prior to this technical correction, the NESHAP for Surface Coating of Wood Building Products referenced OSHA's Hazard Communication standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) for its list of organic HAP compounds.
- The reference to OSHA-defined carcinogens (*i.e.*, organic HAP compounds) at 29 CFR 1910.1200(d)(4) was used to specify which compounds must be included when calculating the total organic HAP content of coating materials present at 0.1 percent or greater by mass.
- EPA is eliminating this reference because OSHA revised its Hazard Communication standard in 2012 and completely removed 29 CFR 1910.1200(d)(4) from the Code of Federal Regulations.
- EPA replaced the outdated reference with a table that reflects the same organic HAP compounds previously listed in OSHA's Hazard Communication standard (Table 7 to 40 CFR part 63, subpart QQQQ).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Interested parties can download a copy of the final rule notice from EPA's website at the following addresses: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/wood-preserving-area-sources-national-emission-standards-hazardous> and <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/surface-coating-wood-building-products-national-emission-standard-1>
- Today's action and other background information are also available electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov/>, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system.
- For further technical information about the rule, contact Cyrus Ma, EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, at (919)-541-4210 or Ma.Cyrus@epa.gov.