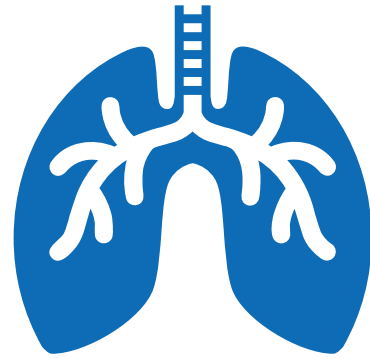
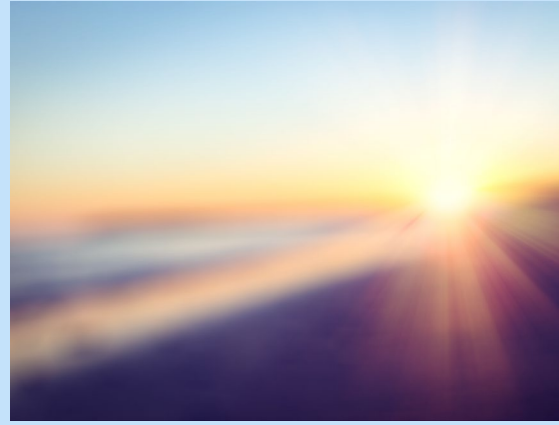


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# Volatile Organic Liquid Storage Vessels

New Source Performance Standards Proposed Rulemaking

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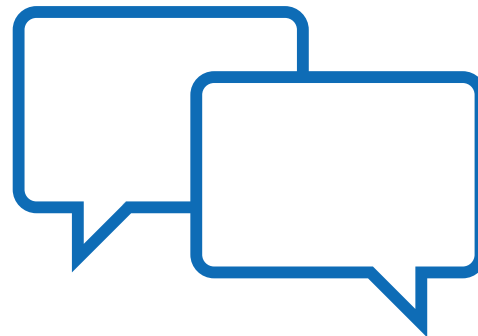
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In a proposal signed September 28, 2023, EPA proposed to reduce the amount of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from volatile organic liquid storage vessels



EPA is seeking comment on all aspects of the proposal

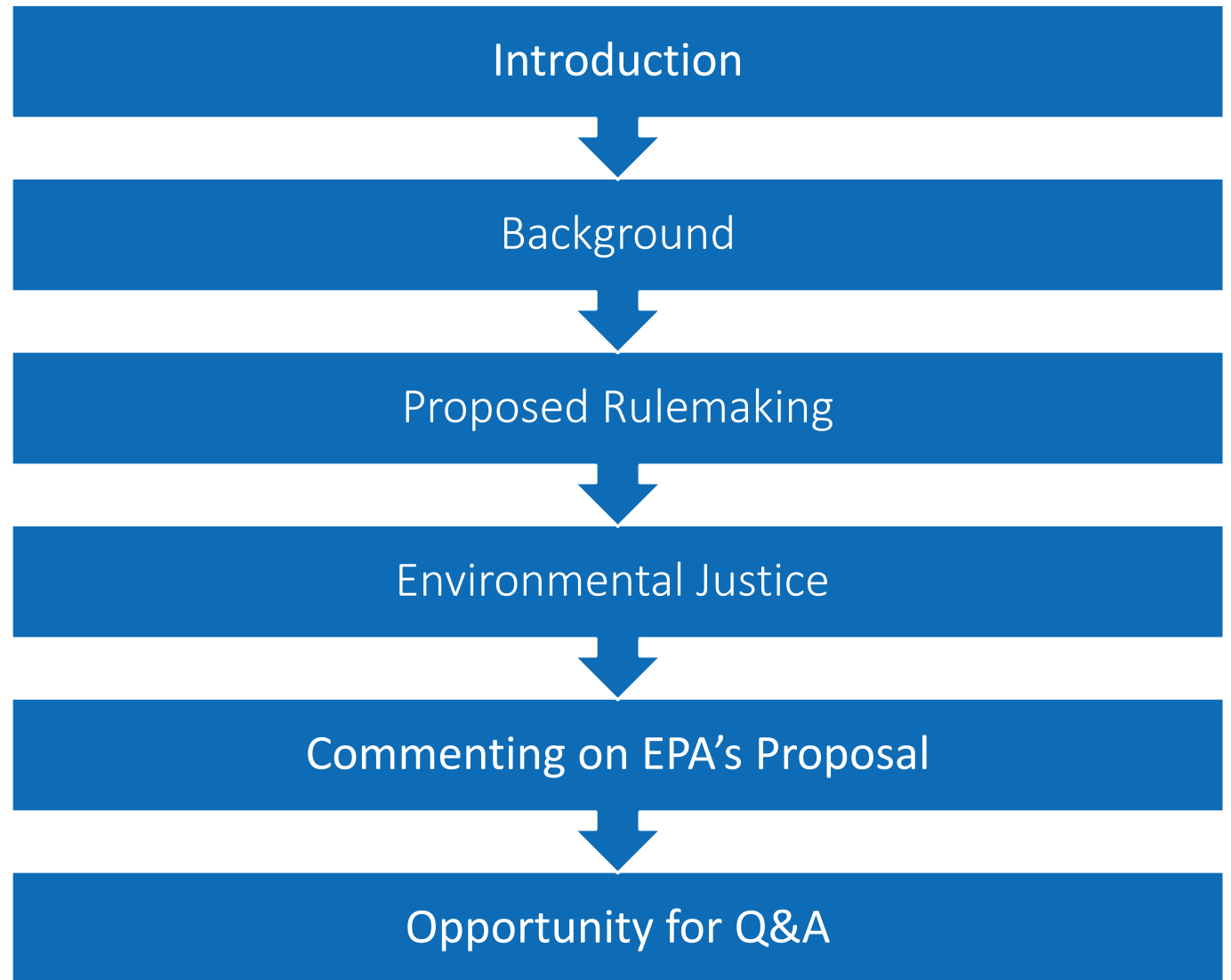
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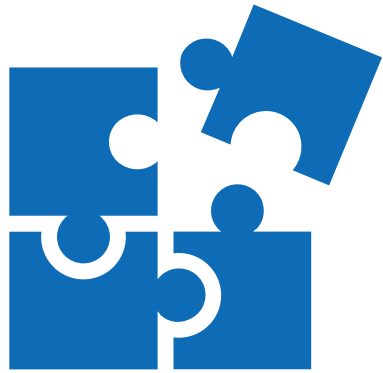
# Today's Webinar

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- ▶ Welcome to today's webinar!
- ▶ We will share information about proposed Volatile Organic Liquid (VOL) storage vessel (including petroleum liquid storage vessels) New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) subpart Kc – or **“NSPS Kc”**
- ▶ EPA is proposing amendments to update and strengthen the new source performance standards (NSPS) for volatile organic liquid storage vessels (including petroleum liquid storage vessels)
- ▶ These proposed amendments would further reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds, also known as VOCs
- ▶ The proposed amendments would fulfill EPA's responsibility under the Clean Air Act (CAA) to periodically review emission standards to reflect developments in pollution control technologies and techniques
- ▶ If finalized, **“NSPS Kc”** would establish more protective standards for VOC emissions from storage vessels, including floating roof storage vessel and storage vessels that utilized closed vent systems and control

# Overview of Today's Webinar





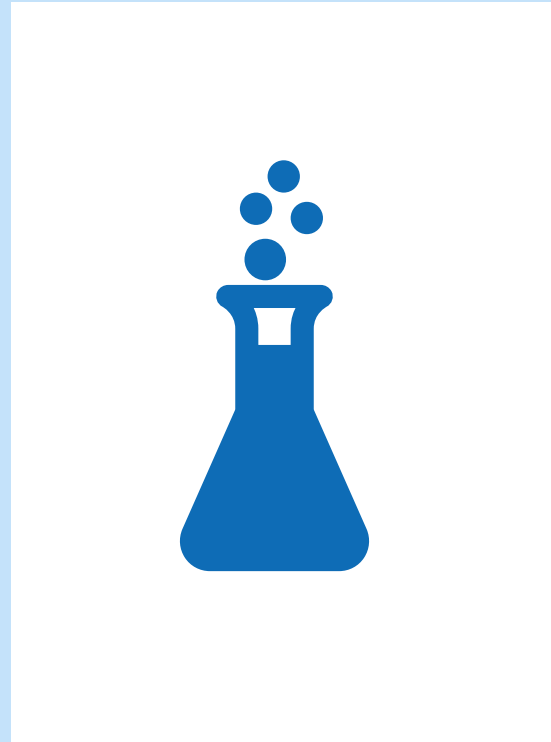
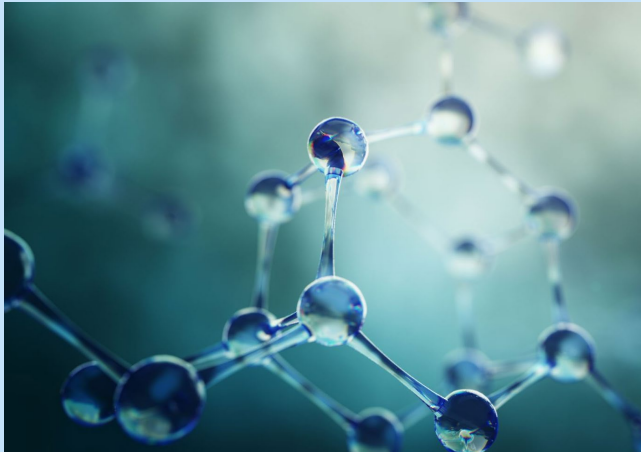
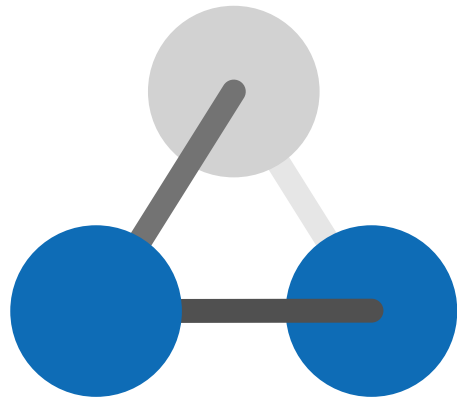
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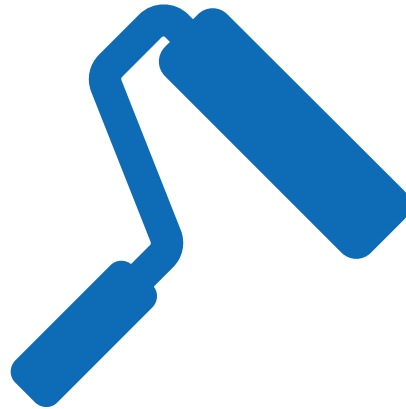


# What are Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)?

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- ▶ VOCs include a large list of compounds that evaporate easily, have high vapor pressure and low water solubility
- ▶ VOCs react in the atmosphere to create ground-level ozone
- ▶ Examples include:
  - ▶ Benzene
  - ▶ Formaldehyde
  - ▶ Gasoline Vapors
  - ▶ n-Hexane



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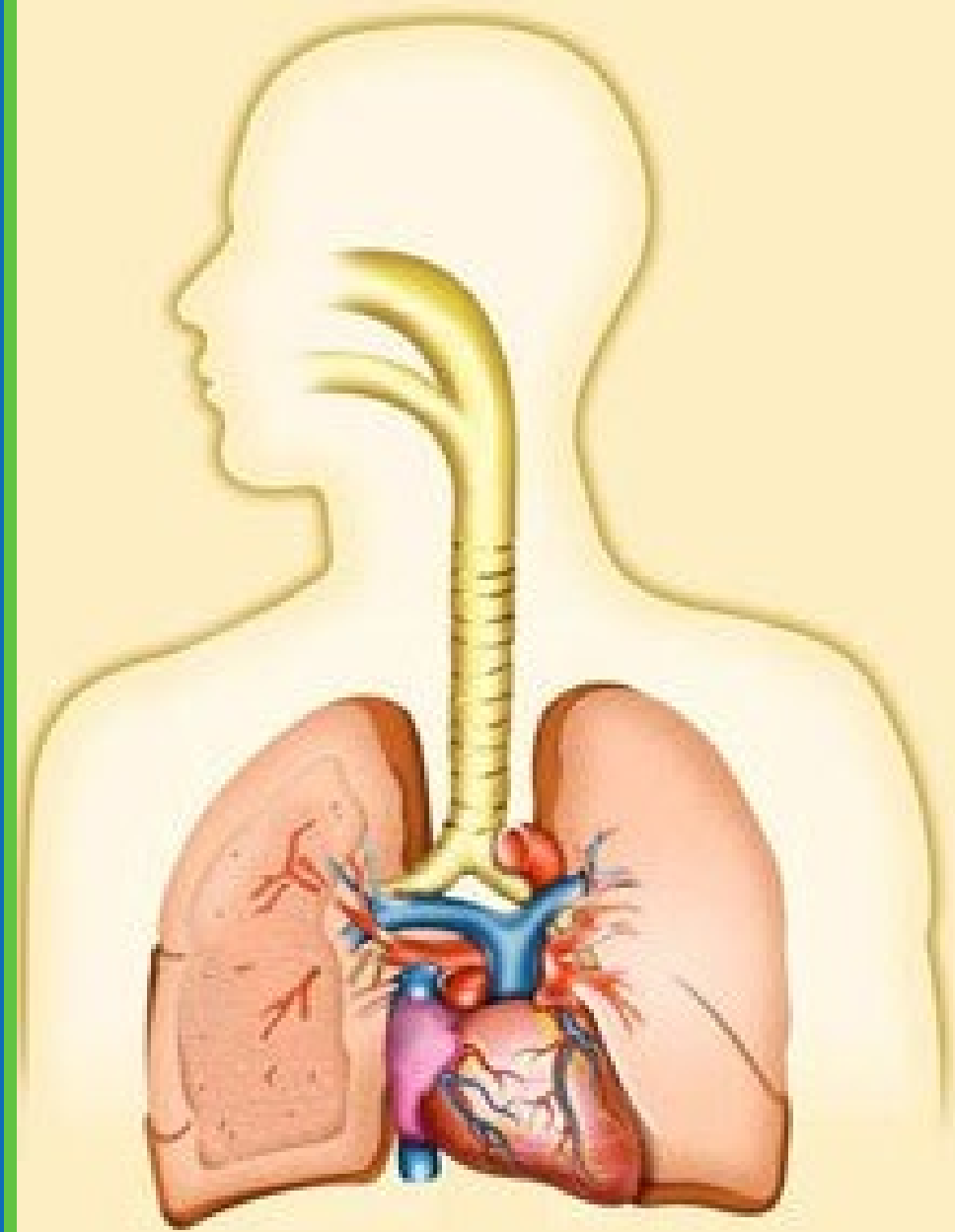
- ▶ Common sources of VOCs include:
  - ▶ Paint and lacquers
  - ▶ Cleaning supplies
  - ▶ Copiers and printers
  - ▶ Glues and adhesives
- ▶ VOCs are commonly emitted from storage vessels at chemical manufacturing and petrochemical facilities
- ▶ Some VOCs are designated also as Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

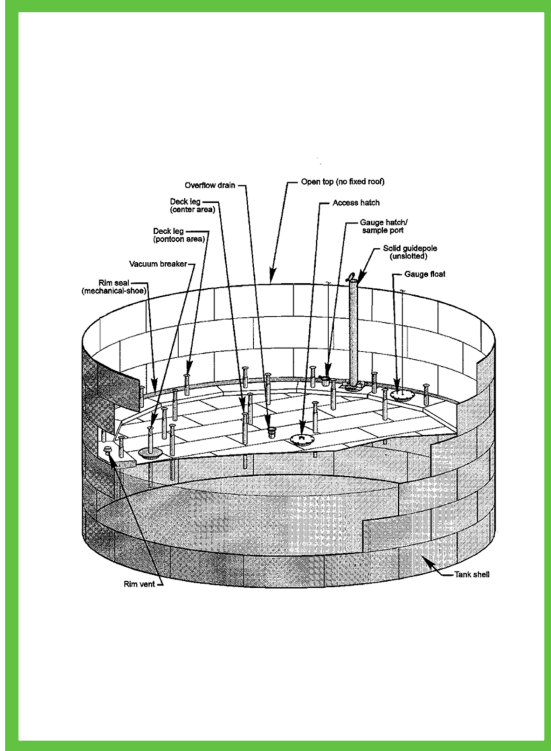
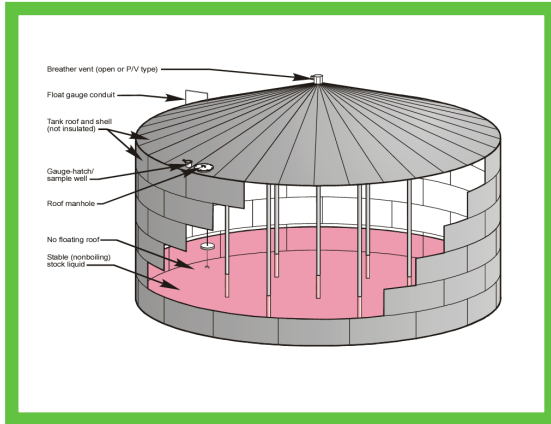
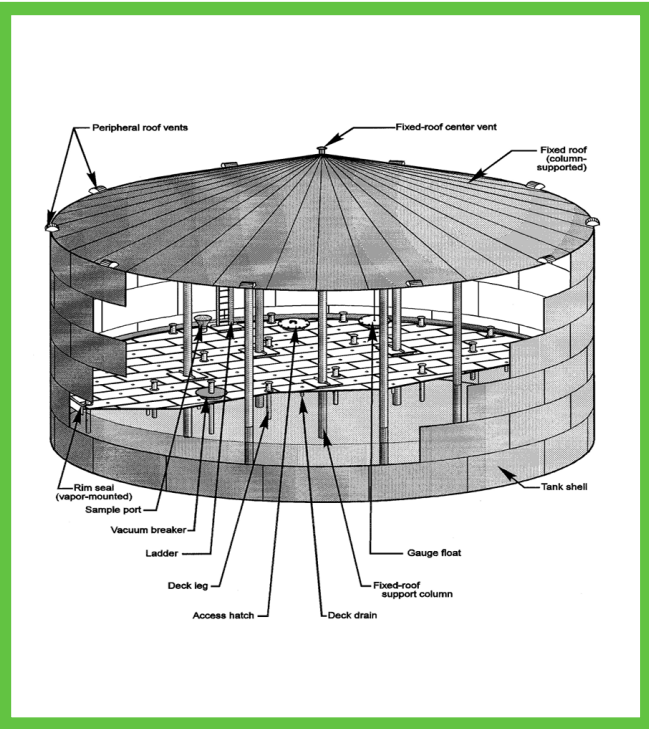
# Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Health Impacts

- ▶ VOCs react in the atmosphere to create ground-level ozone
- ▶ Human health impacts of ground-level ozone include:
  - ▶ Causing coughing and sore or scratchy throat
  - ▶ Making it more difficult to breathe deeply and vigorously and causing pain when taking a deep breath
  - ▶ Inflaming and damaging airways
  - ▶ Making the lungs more susceptible to infection
  - ▶ Aggravating lung diseases such as asthma, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis
  - ▶ Increasing the frequency of asthma attacks
- ▶ The following groups have the greatest risk of developing ozone related health problems:
  - ▶ Children
  - ▶ Older Adults
  - ▶ Individuals frequently active or working outdoors
  - ▶ Individuals with asthma

For more information visit:

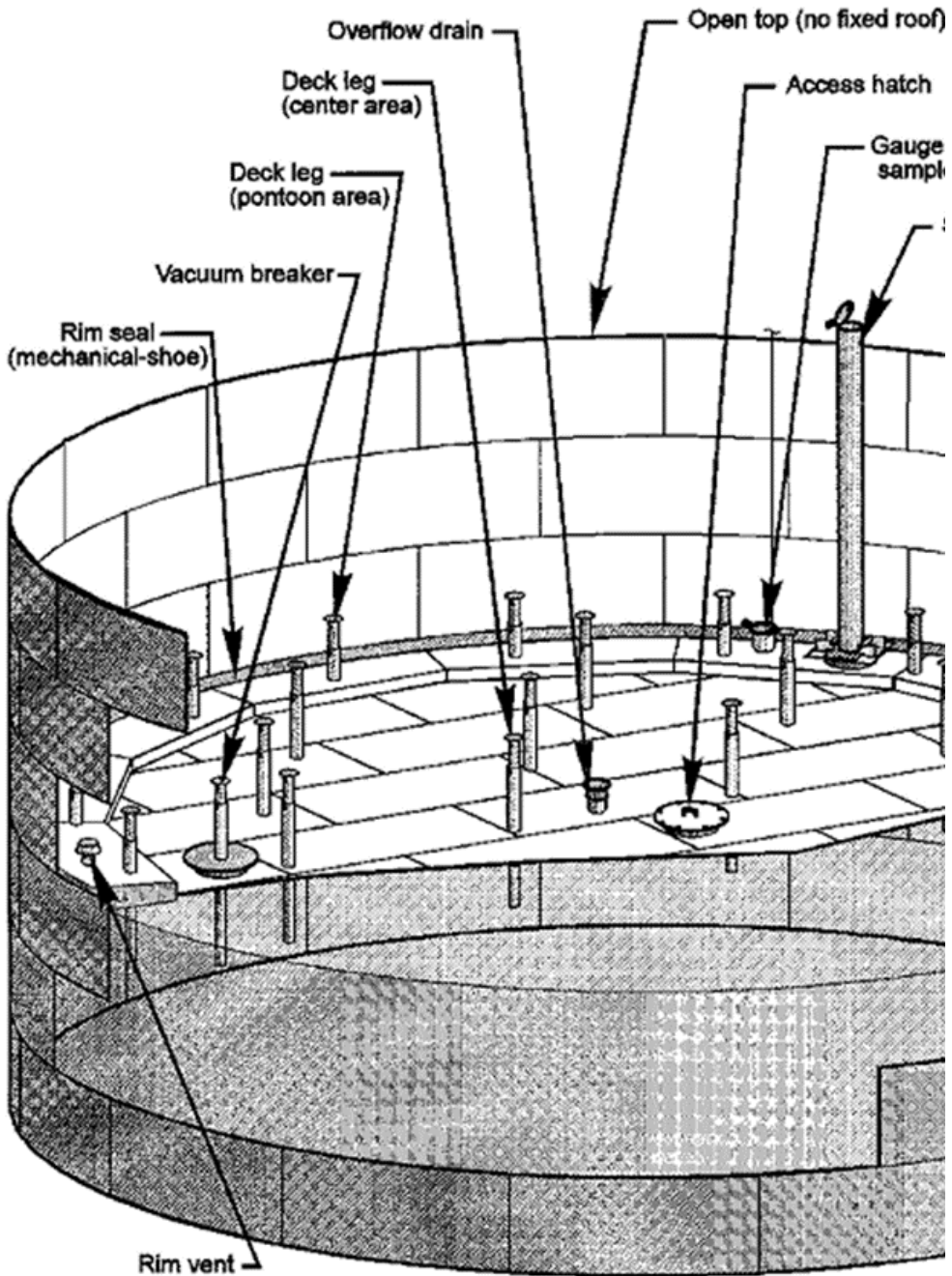
- ▶ <https://www.epa.gov/ground-level-ozone-pollution/health-effects-ozone-pollution>
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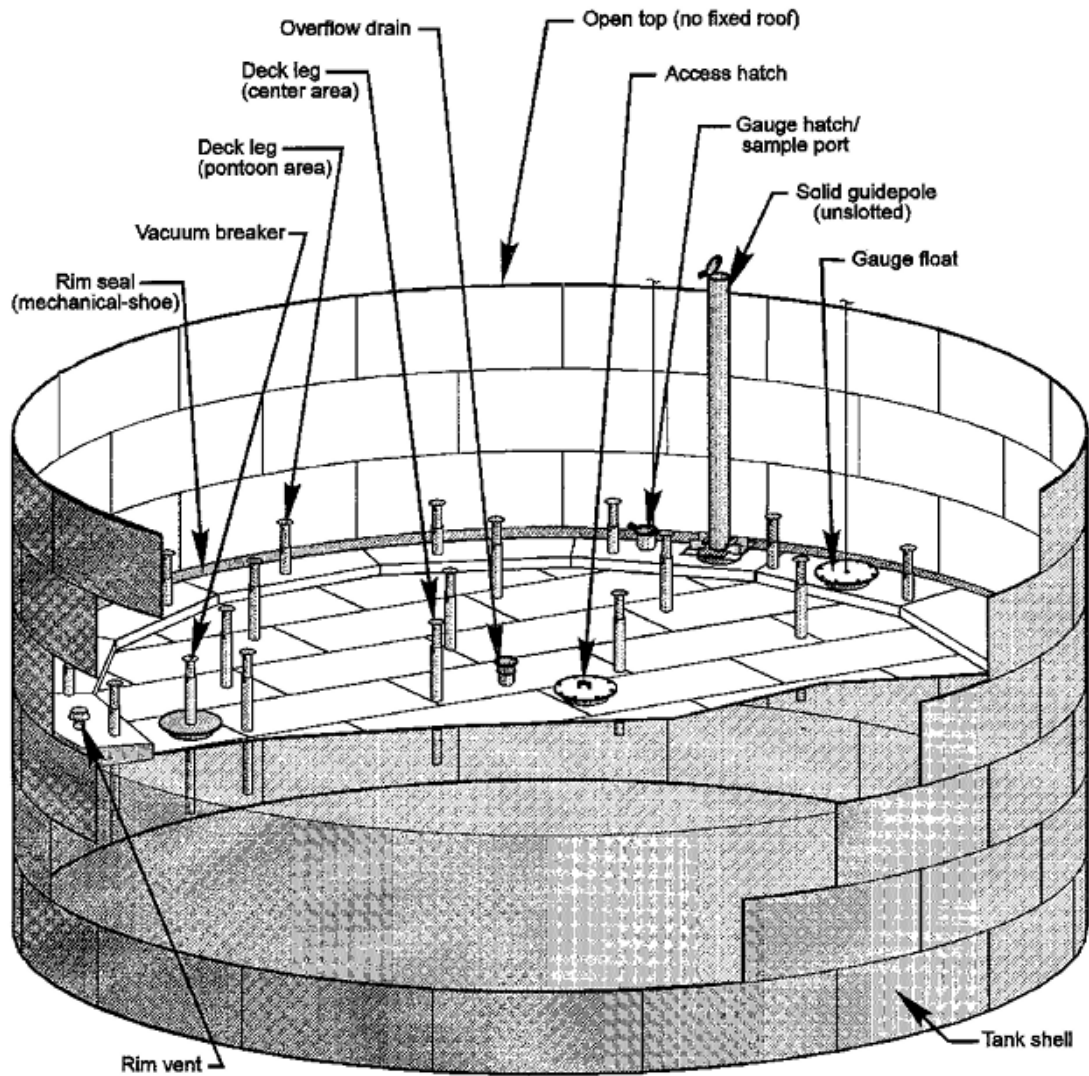
# VOL Storage Vessels

- Storage Vessels that emit VOCs include tanks, reservoirs and containers
- Process tanks, subsurface caverns, and porous rock reservoirs are not VOL storage vessels
- There are three main types of tanks discussed in the VOL storage vessel rules
  - Fixed Roof Tank
  - Internal Floating Roof (IFR)
  - External Floating Roof (EFR)

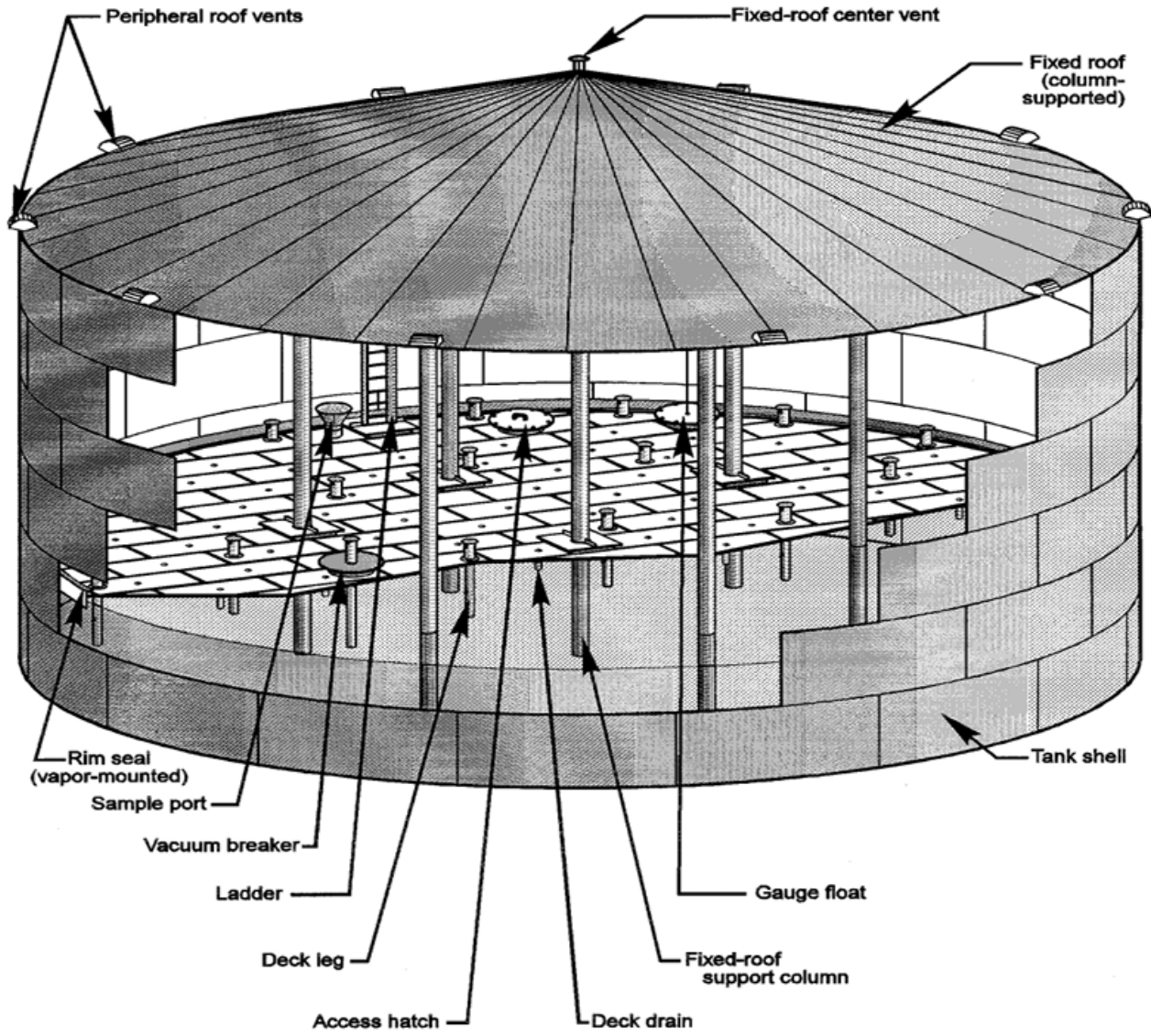


# Floating Roof Storage Vessels

- ▶ Floating Roof
  - ▶ Sits on the liquid surface
  - ▶ Reduces vapor space in storage vessel above the liquid
- ▶ Floating Roof Components include:
  - ▶ Floating Roof Deck
  - ▶ Rim Seal Systems
  - ▶ Deck Fittings

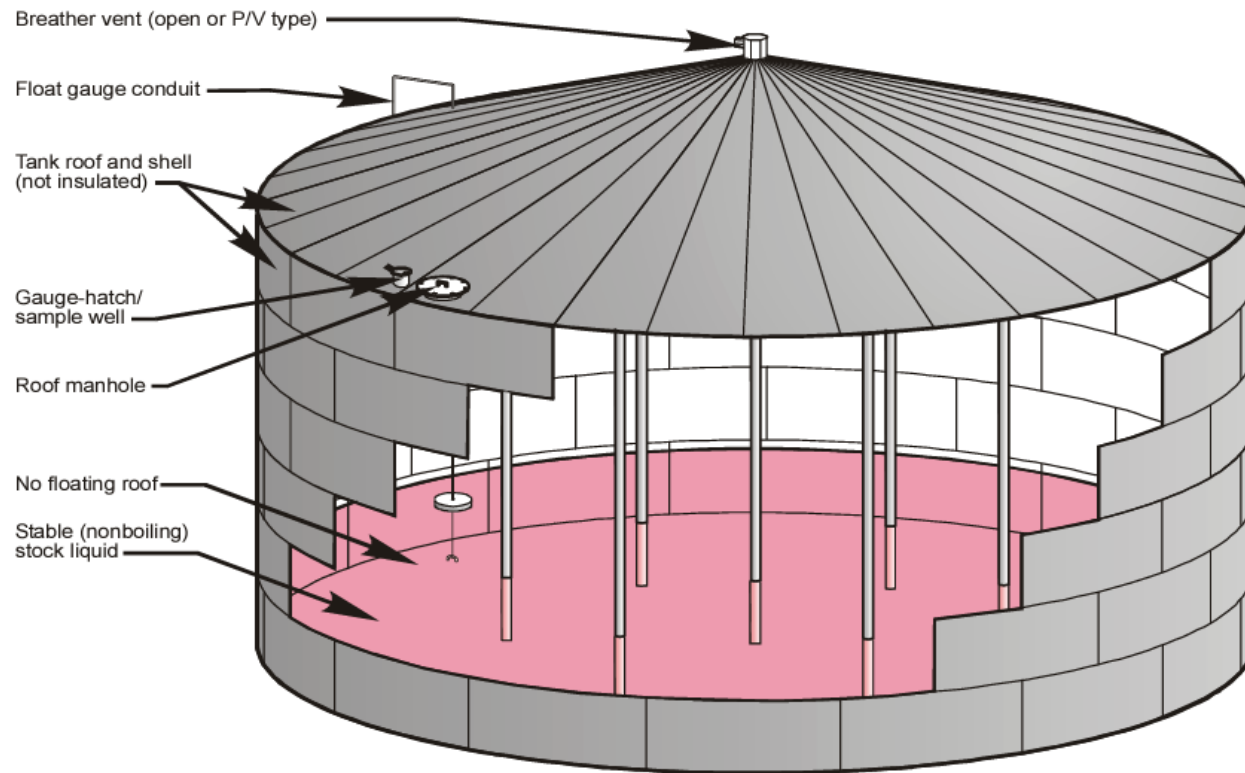


# External Floating Roof (EFR) Tank



# Internal Floating Roof (IFR) Tank

# Fixed Roof Tank



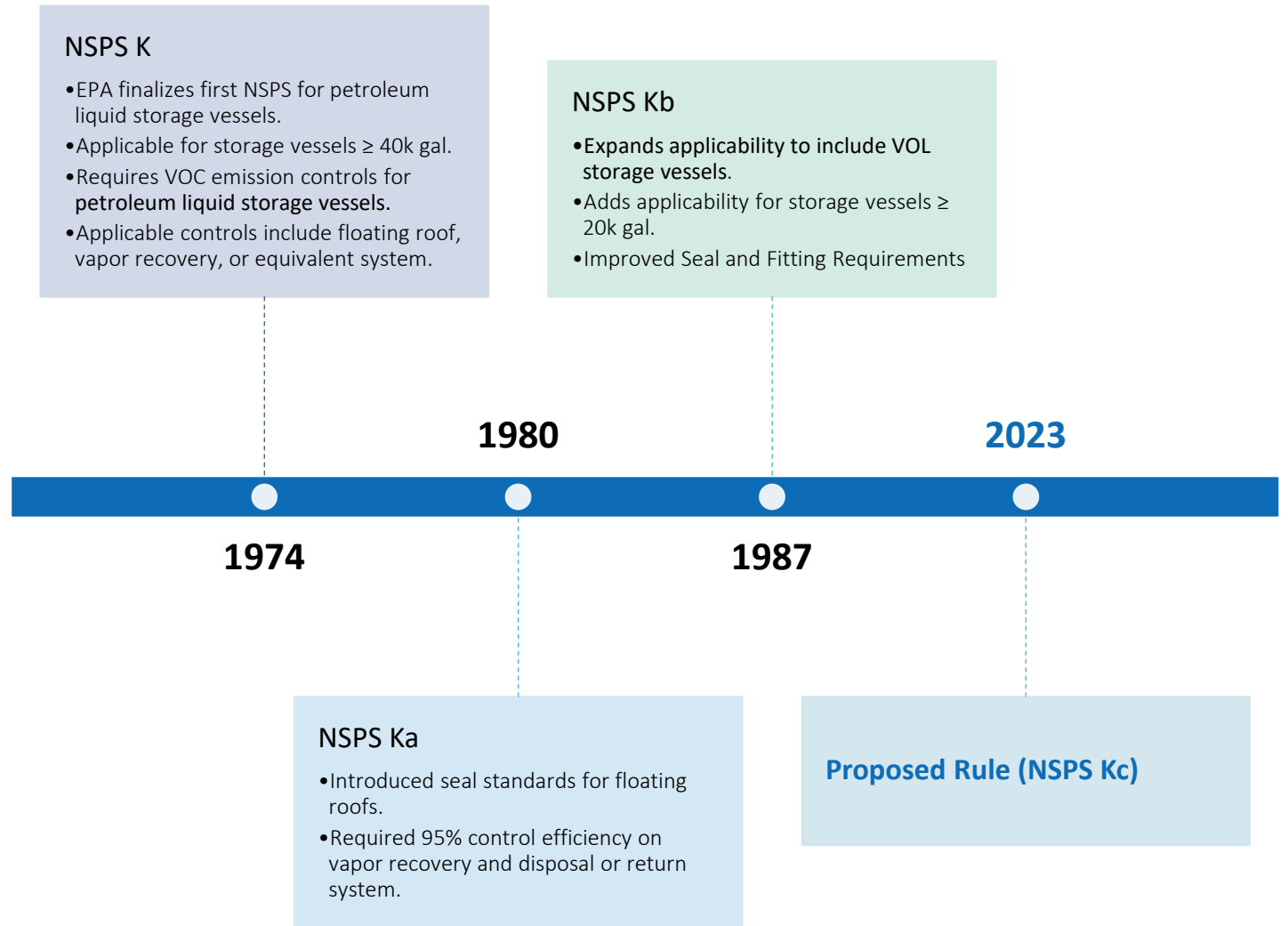


## New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)

EPA standards for newly constructed, modified, and reconstructed stationary sources of emissions

EPA's **NSPS subpart Kc** proposal represents the Agency's **newest proposed rulemaking** in a series of regulations that have covered both petroleum liquid and volatile organic liquid storage vessels

# Timeline





# Proposed Rulemaking

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# Proposed NSPS Subpart Kc Standards

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- Updates to VOL Standards / Emission Control Requirements
  - Updates to which storage vessels have control requirements
  - Updates to control requirements
  - New degassing provisions
- New Modification Requirements
- Updates to Monitoring, Recordkeeping, and Reporting Requirements



# Control Requirements

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# Storage vessels required to control

Capacity (gal)	NSPS Kb		NSPS Kc (Proposal)	
	Lower VP Boundary (psia)	Chemical Applicability	Lower VP Boundary (psia)	Added Chemical Applicability
≥ 20k & < 40k	≥ 4	Gasoline	≥ 1.5	+Benzene +Hexane
≥ 40k	≥ 0.75	Heptane Ethyl Alcohol Benzene Hexane Gasoline	≥ 0.5	+Toluene

\*Applicability determined from a storage vessel's maximum true vapor pressure

# VOL Controls

## **Background (why do vapor pressures matter?):**

- VOLs with vapor pressures  $\geq 11.1$  psia may reach their boiling point on high temperature days
- Floating roof storage vessels not appropriate for boiling liquids

## **What control options are available for VOL storage vessels with maximum true vapor pressures $< 11.1$ psi?**

- Internal Floating Roof
- External Floating Roof
- Closed Vent System routed to a Control Device, Fuel Gas System or Process

## **What control options are available for VOL storage vessels with maximum true vapor pressures $\geq 11.1$ psi?**

- Closed Vent System routed to a Control Device, Fuel Gas System, or Process

# Standards for Floating Roof Storage Vessels

## Internal Floating Roofs

- 98% Control Efficiency
- Improved Seal Requirements
  - Liquid Mounted or Mechanical Shoe Primary Seal
  - Rim-Mounted Secondary Seal
- Improved Fitting Controls
  - Access Hatch and Guidepoles
- New LEL Monitoring Requirements

## External Floating Roofs

- Designed to be equivalent control standard, 98% control efficiency
- More Restrictive Guidepole Requirements
- Welded Deck Seams



# Closed Vent System Requirements

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## General Requirements

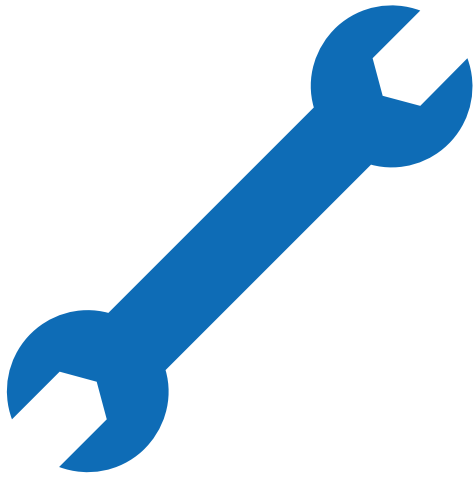
- ▶ 98% Control Efficiency Standard
- ▶ Requirements on Conservation Vents, Pressure Relief Devices, and Bypass Lines to prevent emissions venting to the atmosphere
- ▶ Annual leak detection monitoring using Method 21
- ▶ Quarterly visible, audible, and olfactory inspections
- ▶ Performance testing for control devices
- ▶ Continuous Monitoring System (CMS) requirements

# Degassing Emission Controls

Degassing emissions occur when storage vessels are emptied

## Degassing emission control standard

- Applicable to storage vessels greater than 1,000,000 gallons with vapor pressure  $\geq 1.5$  psi
- Requires 98% control efficiency for emission controls



# Modifications

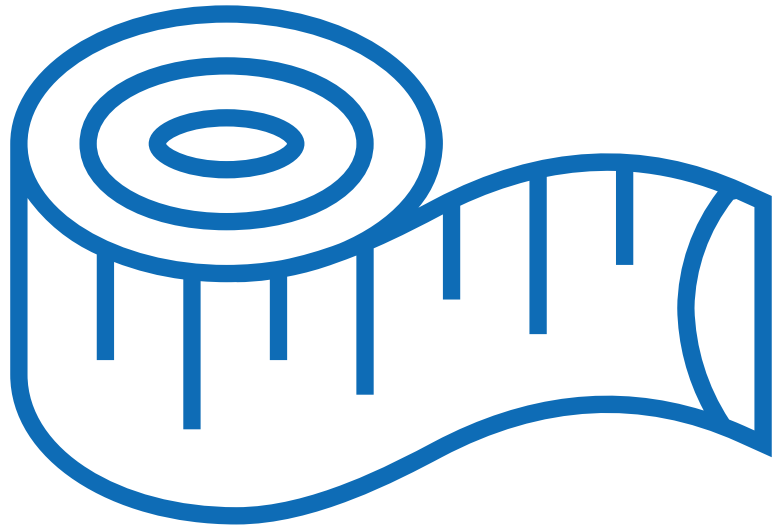
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# Modifications

Under NSPS subpart A, EPA states that the “[u]se of an alternative fuel or raw material” is not considered a modification if the existing facility was designed to accommodate that alternative use.

- This provision was previously cited to assert that a change in the type of material stored in a storage vessel is not, by itself, a modification if the storage vessel is capable of accommodating the storage of the new materials

EPA proposes that **a change in the liquid stored does not constitute use of an alternative fuel or raw material, and therefore a** change in the liquid stored which results in increased VOC emissions would be a modification under NSPS Kc.



# Monitoring, Recordkeeping, and Reporting

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## Internal Floating Roofs

- Annual Roof Top Visual Inspections
- Annual Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) Monitoring
- 10-Year Out-of-Service Inspection
- Alarm System for Monitoring Landing Events

## External Floating Roofs

- Gap Measurements
- Annually for Secondary Seal
- Every five years for Primary Seal
- Alarm System for Monitoring Landing Events

## Closed Vent Systems

- Requirements on Conservation Vents, Pressure Relief Devices, and Bypass Lines to prevent emissions venting to the atmosphere
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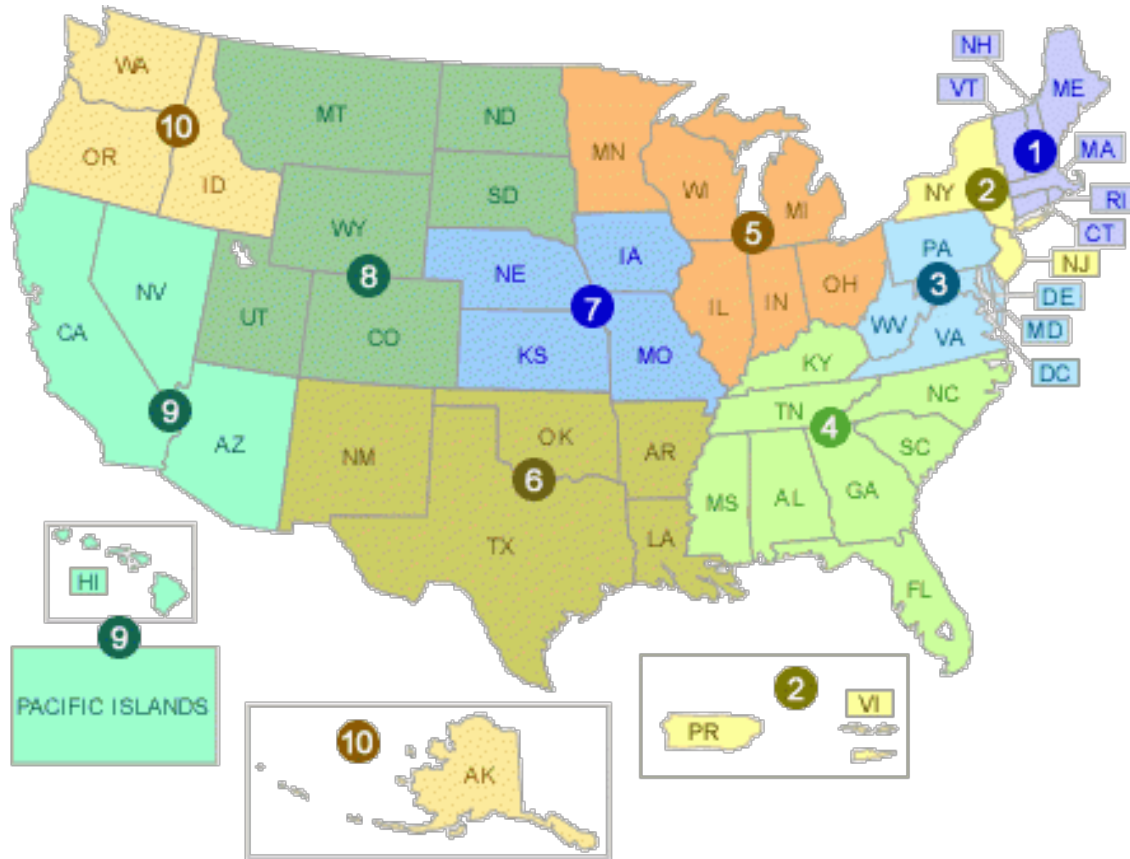


# Environmental Justice

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- ▶ It is difficult to predict the location of where tanks will be constructed or modified in the future
- ▶ We estimate that there are approximately more than 10,000 existing VOL storage vessels
- ▶ We do not have a list of specific units and their locations that would be necessary for a proximity demographic analysis
- ▶ We expect ~ 1,440 newly constructed storage vessels to become applicable to NSPS subpart Kc over the next five years
- ▶ We expect ~ 30 storage vessels to be modified over the same period
- ▶ We expect most applicable tanks to be constructed in EPA Region 6





Requirement	VOC Emissions Reduction (tons)
Floating Roof Requirements	509.78
Expanded Scope of VOLs Required to Control Emissions	24.64
Modification Requirements	506.81
Closed Vent System Requirements	29.30
Degassing Requirements	14.38
Total	1,085

# Emissions Impacts

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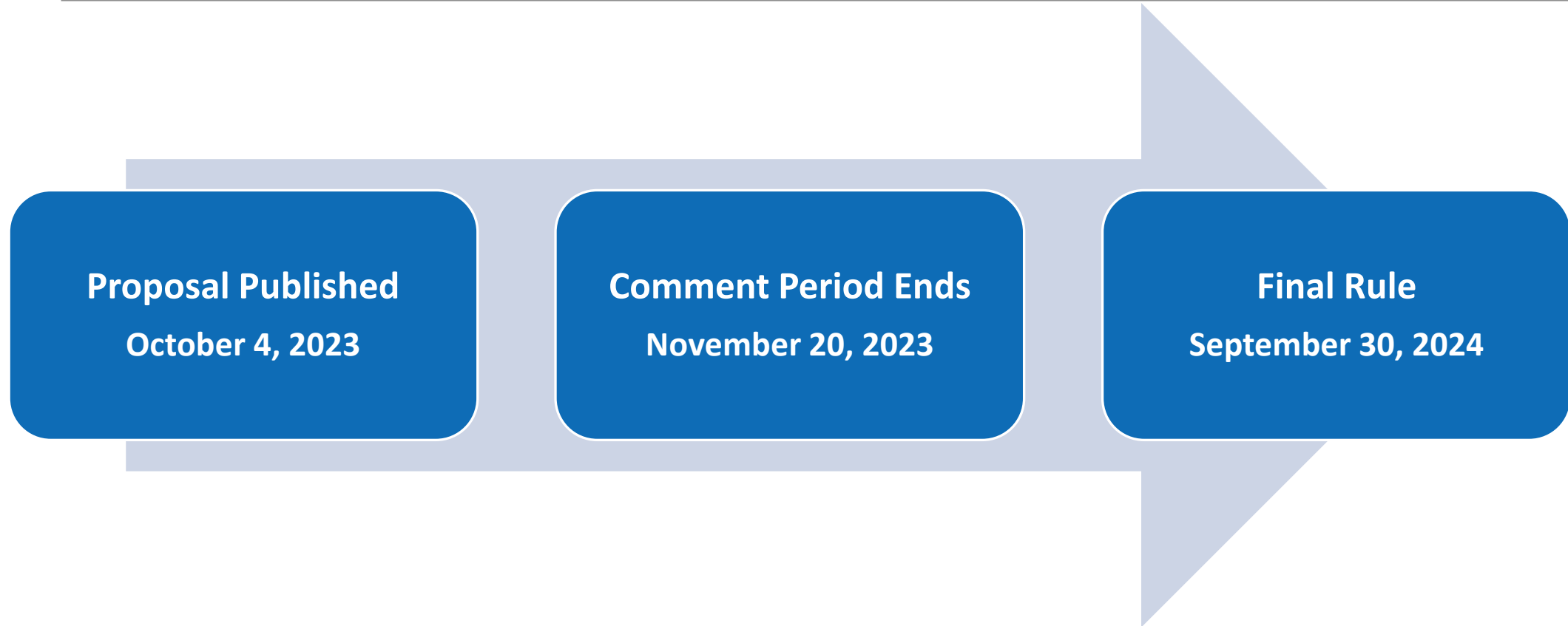


# Commenting on EPA's Proposal

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# Rulemaking Process

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# For More Information

## NSPS VOL Standards Website

<https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/volatile-organic-liquid-storage-vessels-including-petroleum>

## NSPS Kc Docket

<https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0358>

## For Information on Submitting Comments to EPA Dockets

<https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>

The screenshot shows the EPA website page for the proposed rule on Volatile Organic Liquid Storage Vessels. The page layout includes a top navigation bar with the EPA logo and search bar, and a secondary navigation bar with links to Environmental Topics, Laws & Regulations, Report a Violation, and About EPA. The main content area features a title, a 'Rule Summary' section, and a 'Basic Information' sidebar. The sidebar contains links to Federal Register Citations, Code of Federal Regulations Citations, and Docket Numbers.

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## Volatile Organic Liquid Storage Vessels - Including Petroleum Storage Vessels: New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)

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### Rule Summary

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#### Basic Information

**Federal Register Citations**

- 52 FR 11429
- 85 FR 65774
- 86 FR 5013
- 86 FR 8618
- 86 FR 38076

**Code of Federal Regulations Citations**

- 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Kb

**Docket Numbers**

- EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0372

# Tribal Consultation

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- In accordance with the EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes, EPA sent letters to all federal recognized tribes inviting them to consult with the Agency prior to issuing the final rule
- If you would like to initiate government to government consultation with the EPA or would like to request an informal discussion, please contact Amanda Kaufman at 919-541-2388 or [Kaufman.Amanda@epa.gov](mailto:Kaufman.Amanda@epa.gov) by **November 20, 2023**



# Questions

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