

Fact Sheet

Final Extension of Deadlines in Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review

Summary of Action

- On November 26, 2025, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the July 2025 interim final rule (IFR) extending several compliance deadlines in the 2024 New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and Emissions Guidelines for oil and natural gas operations – commonly known as OOOOb/c.
- In addition to finalizing the July 2025 IFR, EPA also extended the deadline for net heating value continuous monitoring requirements and alternative performance test (sampling demonstration) option for flares and enclosed combustion devices (ECDs) by an additional 180 days.
- EPA is also providing 360 days from the effective date of this final action for owners and operators to submit initial annual NSPS OOOOb reports that were originally due by August 2025. All subsequent annual reports are due no later than 90 days after the end of each annual compliance period.
- This action also included a response to all public comments received on the July 2025 IFR, including testimonies from the September 2, 2025, public hearing.

Background

- On March 8, 2024, the Biden-Harris EPA announced New Source Performance Standards and Emissions Guidelines for oil and natural gas operations under Clean Air Act (CAA) sections 111(b) and 111(d) (40 CFR part 60, subparts OOOOb/c).
- The Biden-Harris EPA received petitions for administrative stay and reconsideration from a variety of stakeholders. In May 2024, the Biden-Harris EPA granted reconsideration of two narrow, technical aspects of the March 2024 final rule.
- In December 2024, the Biden-Harris EPA proposed revisions of these two aspects of the March 2024 final rule. These proposed changes involve:
 - The temporary flaring provisions for associated gas in certain situations.
 - The requirements for continuous monitoring of the net heating value of vent gas from flares and enclosed combustion devices and alternative performance test requirements for the same. Net heating values are an indicator of flare performance and combustion efficiency.
- On March 12, 2025, EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin announced that the agency was reconsidering CAA regulations and taking actions to address short-term compliance concerns for the oil and gas industry as part of the agency's work to unleash energy dominance and continue the Nation's trajectory as a leader in clean energy and emissions reductions while remaining committed to fulfilling EPA's statutory obligations and protecting the environment.
- On July 28, 2025, EPA announced an IFR to extend certain compliance deadlines in this March 2024 final rule, including extensions to the state plan submittal deadline.

- EPA held both public comment period and a public hearing for the interim final rule. The public comment period was extended by 30 days. The public hearing was held on September 2, 2025.
- A total of 65 speakers registered and provided testimony at the public hearing. Those testimonies were also submitted to the public docket and were addressed in this action.

More Information

- For more information on this action, please visit EPA’s website: <https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-operations/2025-interim-final-rule-extend-compliance>.
- This action and other background information are also available online at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0162>. Materials for this final action can be accessed using Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2025–0162.