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Title: Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs Under the Clean Air Act; Common Sense Approach to Chemical Accident Prevention; Extension of Comment Period

Action: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

Docket No.: EPA-HQ-OLEM-2025-0313

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AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is extending the comment period for the proposed rule entitled “Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs Under the Clean Air Act; Common Sense Approach to Chemical Accident Prevention.” EPA is extending the comment period until May 11, 2026 in response to stakeholders’ requests for a comment period extension.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published on February 24, 2026 (91 FR 8970) was originally scheduled to close on April 10, 2026, but the comment period is being extended by 31 days, because the 30th day falls on a Sunday. Comments must be received on or before Monday, May 11, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OLEM-2025-0313, online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the detailed online instructions provided under **ADDRESSES** in the *Federal Register* document published on February 24, 2026 (91 FR 8970). Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 24, 2026, EPA published a proposed rulemaking (91 FR 8970) entitled “Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs under the Clean Air Act; Common Sense Approach to Chemical Accident Prevention.” The original deadline to submit comments was April 10, 2026. EPA received requests to extend the comment.

In response to stakeholders’ requests for a comment period extension, this action extends the comment period by 31 days. Written comments must now be received by May 11, 2026. If you have questions, consult the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

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