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FACT SHEET

REVISIONS TO THE CLEAN AIR ACT'S AIR TOXICS SOURCE CATEGORY LIST

TODAY'S ACTION

- ! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a notice revising the list of industrial sources (known as source categories) for which it intends to develop regulations to control toxic air pollutants
- ! Toxic air pollutants, also called air toxics, are those pollutants known or suspected to cause cancer and other serious health problems.
- ! Today's revisions do not include requirements to reduce emissions of air toxics. EPA will develop those requirements according to its rulemaking schedule.
- ! Today's notice makes a variety of changes to EPA's source category list. The specific changes outlined include:

Category Name Change

- "Friction Products Manufacturing" is now "Friction Materials Manufacturing"

New Category

- Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Steam Generating Units

Category Deletions

EPA has determined there are no major sources in the following categories:

- Asphalt Concrete Manufacturing
- Uranium Hexafluoride Production
- Sewage Sludge Incineration

Category Scope Changes

- EPA is limiting the Process Heaters source category to include only indirect-fired process heaters since direct-fired process heaters are being covered by other industry-specific standards

Category Combinations (called subsumption)

- The "Cellulose Ethers Production" category will now include Carboxymethylcellulose Production, Methylcellulose Production, and Cellulose Ethers Production
- The "Miscellaneous Viscose Processes" category will now include Rayon Production, Cellulose Food, Casing Manufacturing, Cellophane Production, and Cellulosic Sponge Manufacturing.

BACKGROUND

- ! The Clean Air Act requires EPA to continue to review and update its list of categories of industries that emit one or more of 188 listed toxic air pollutants. For listed categories of "major" industrial sources, the law requires EPA to develop standards requiring those industries to achieve emissions reductions equivalent to putting into place what is known as "maximum achievable control technology."
- ! "Major" sources are those that emit at least 10 tons annually of a single pollutant or 25 tons or more of a combination of pollutants.
- ! EPA has made several changes to the list of source categories based on information that was not available when the Agency issued the initial list. The Agency will continue to evaluate newly available data and will routinely review the list to ensure that it is accurate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- ! To read the text of today's notice, go to the EPA's World Wide Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/ramain.html>. For more information, call Ms. Maria Noell of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5607.