

## **Direct Final Action: Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule: Revision to Best Available Monitoring Method (BAMM) Request Submission Deadline for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems Source Category**

### **ACTION**

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking direct final action to revise the deadline by which owners or operators of facilities subject to the petroleum and natural gas systems source category of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule (40 CFR Part 98) must submit requests for use of BAMM to the Administrator.
- This revision does not change any other requirements for owners or operators outlined in the petroleum and natural gas systems source category.
- The action is expected to have minimal adverse impact on owners or operators requesting the use of BAMM.

### **PROPOSED RULE OVERVIEW**

This direct final rule amends the date by which owners or operators must submit a request to use BAMM for future reporting years from September 30 to June 30 of each year prior to the reporting year for which use of BAMM is sought (40 CFR 98.234(f)(8)(i)). This amendment does not alter the substantive requirements related to submission of BAMM requests outlined in 40 CFR 98.234(f) or any other provision in the petroleum and natural gas systems source category. EPA currently has authority to review and finalize BAMM determinations during the reporting year in which BAMM is sought. Making this annual deadline earlier will create a more realistic schedule for processing BAMM requests and improve EPA's ability to inform owners or operators of EPA's final determination prior to the reporting year for which BAMM is sought.

### **NEXT STEPS AND IMPLEMENTATION**

- A pre-publication version of the direct final rule is available on EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/ghgreporting/reporters/notices/index.html>

### **MORE INFORMATION**

- The direct final rule text will be published in the Federal Register and will be made available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), EPA's electronic public docket and comment system. Other information will also be made available at this website. The Docket ID number is: EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0417. Information is also available at the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) Public Reading Room. For more information, please call 202-566-1744 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time.
- For more information on other provisions of 40 CFR Part 98 finalized in October 2009 and the subsequent amendments during 2010, 2011, and 2012 including implementation information and a schedule of training opportunities, and instructions on submitting comments on the proposed rule amendments, visit the EPA web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/ghgreporting/reporters/notices/index.html>. Public comments may be submitted by e-mail to: [GHG\\_Reporting\\_Rule\\_Oil\\_And\\_Natural\\_Gas@epa.gov](mailto:GHG_Reporting_Rule_Oil_And_Natural_Gas@epa.gov).

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