



27 September 2019

(19-6242)

Page: 1/2

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1554] Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Emissions; Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Air quality (ICS 13.040), Compressors and pneumatic machines (ICS 23.140), Extraction and processing of petroleum and natural gas (ICS 75.020), Equipment for petroleum and natural gas industries (ICS 75.180)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review (43 page(s), in English)
6.	Description of content: Proposed rule - This action proposes reconsideration amendments to the new source performance standards (NSPS). These amendments, if finalized, would remove sources in the transmission and storage segment from the source category, rescind the NSPS (including both the volatile organic compounds (VOC) and methane requirements) applicable to those sources, and rescind the methane-specific requirements (the "methane requirements") of the NSPS applicable to sources in the production and processing segments. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is also proposing, as an alternative, to rescind the methane requirements of the NSPS applicable to all oil and natural gas sources, without removing any sources from the source category. Furthermore, the EPA is taking comment on alternative interpretations of its statutory authority to regulate pollutants under the Clean Air Act (CAA), and associated record and policy questions.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">84 Federal Register (FR) 50244, 24 September 2019; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-09-24/html/2019-19876.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-09-24/pdf/2019-19876.pdf

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review, Proposed rule; notice of public hearing published 20 September 2019: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-09-20/html/2019-20242.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-09-20/pdf/2019-20242.pdf • Oil and Natural Gas Sector: New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Reviews; Final Rule published 16 August 2012: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2012-08-16/html/2012-16806.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2012-08-16/pdf/2012-16806.pdf • Oil and Natural Gas Sector: New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Reviews; Proposed Rule published 23 August 2011: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2011-08-23/html/2011-19899.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2011-08-23/pdf/2011-19899.pdf • G/TBT/N/USA/1030 and subsequent addenda • G/TBT/N/USA/1322 and USA/1322/Add.1 	<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 25 November 2019</p>	<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-09-24/html/2019-19876.htm</p> <p>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-09-24/pdf/2019-19876.pdf</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/USA/19_5281_00_e.pdf</p>