

Conference call on U.S. EPA's Proposed Combustion Rules and Related Waste Definition

Intended Audience: environmental justice and tribal community members or organizations

When: Friday, July 23, 2010, **Time:** 1:00 to 3:00 PM EST

Conference Line: 1-866-299-3188; **code:** 919-541-5624 (phone limited to 125 participants on a first-come first-serve basis)

Purpose: Communities have requested EPA's Air Programs to provide more timely information on upcoming activities. To better share information and enable ongoing communication between EPA and interested community groups, EPA will begin hosting quarterly conference calls. July 23rd will be the first of these calls. The first half of the call will focus on community recommendations for the on-going structure and format of future calls.

The second half of the call will provide communities with an opportunity to ask additional clarifying questions on the proposed definition of non-hazardous solid waste and combustion rules. Please note this will not be an opportunity to provide EPA with additional comments on the rules themselves, but instead provide communities with an opportunity to better understand the intricacies of these proposed rules so they can submit more detailed comments on them for the official record. This call is being held during the public comment period ending on August 3, 2010. All written comments on these proposed rules must be submitted by this date.

To help you better participate in this part of the call we encourage you to go to EPA's website to view a pre-recorded webinar on EPA's Proposed Combustion Rules and Definition of Solid Waste held on June 9, 2010. It is available at <http://www.epa.gov/apti/broadcast.html#boilerso60910>. After viewing the webinar, please email any clarifying questions pertaining to the proposed rules or the rule-making process to **Tab Tesnau** at tesnau.tab@epa.gov by the end of the day July 20, 2010.

The webinar describes the new rules proposed by EPA. These rules would emissions of air pollutants from boilers, process heaters, and solid waste incinerators. Boilers and process heaters are sources of air pollution and are located in virtually every community. There are also 172 commercial or industrial solid waste incinerators in the U.S. that may be affected by the proposed incinerator rule. Note: Municipal solid waste incinerators are covered under other EPA rules and will not be covered in this webinar.

The webinar also presents information on the proposed definition of non hazardous solid waste. This proposed rule addresses whether non-hazardous secondary materials are or are not solid waste. This definition identifies the types of materials that may be burned as a fuel in a boiler or whether they must be burned in a solid waste incinerator.

EPA has addressed some questions that were not answered during the live webinar in a follow-up questions and answers document, which can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/air/ej/>.

The basic information on the proposed rules is located at:

<http://www.epa.gov/airquality/combustion>. The proposed rules are open for public comment until August 3. Please submit official comments through www.regulations.gov.

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