

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Interoffice Memorandum

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Docket No.: 2016-0344-RUL

Subject: Commission Approval for Proposed Rulemaking
Chapter 113, Standards of Performance for Hazardous Air Pollutants and
for Designated Facilities and Pollutants
Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) and Generally Available
Control Technology (GACT) Standards Update
Rule Project No. 2016-032-113-AI

Background and reasons for the rulemaking:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ, commission, or agency) administers federal regulations establishing National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants by incorporating these regulations by reference into Chapter 113, Subchapter C. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has amended a number of MACT and GACT standards since Chapter 113 was last amended in 2013. Most of the standards covered in this rulemaking were amended by the EPA as a result of Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) requirements that the EPA periodically conduct risk assessments on each source category and determine if changes are needed to reduce residual risks or address developments in applicable control technology. Some standards were revised by EPA in order to remove affirmative defense provisions which were vacated in *Natural Resources Defense Council v. Environmental Protection Agency*, 749 F. 3d 1055 (D.C. Cir. 2014). In addition, EPA finalized new standards for brick and clay manufacturing to replace the 2003 standards vacated in *Sierra Club v. Environmental Protection Agency*, 479 F. 3d 875 (D.C. Cir. 2007).

The amended and new standards need to be incorporated by reference into Chapter 113, Subchapter C, in order to avoid inconsistency between federal and state requirements; to allow the commission to enforce the most current MACT and GACT standards prior to receiving formal delegation of the amended standards; to facilitate delegation of the amended MACT standards from the EPA; and to maintain existing delegation. Similar updates and amendments to Chapter 113 were adopted in 2013, 2007, 2005, 2003, 2000, 1999, 1998, and 1997.

Scope of the rulemaking:

Since Chapter 113 was last updated, the EPA has promulgated amendments to 31 MACT or GACT standards, and adopted three new MACT standards. A table showing the amended and new standards which are proposed to be incorporated in this rulemaking is attached.

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A.) Summary of what the rulemaking will do:

This rulemaking would incorporate the amended and new MACT and GACT standards by reference into Chapter 113, Subchapter C.

B.) Scope required by federal regulations or state statutes:

This rulemaking is not explicitly required by federal rules or state statutes; however, it is necessary in order for TCEQ to receive formal delegation of the amended and new MACT and GACT standards from the EPA and in order to implement a federal operating permit program that provides authority to issue permits and assure compliance with each applicable standard, regulation, or requirement under the FCAA, including National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, which are required under 42 United States Code, §7412.

C.) Additional staff recommendations that are not required by federal rule or state statute:

None.

Statutory authority:

Texas Water Code (TWC), §5.103, concerning Rules; TWC, §5.105, concerning General Policy; Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §382.002, concerning Policy and Purpose; THSC, §382.011, concerning General Powers and Duties; THSC, §382.012, concerning the State Air Control Plan; THSC, §382.016, concerning Monitoring Requirements; Examination of Records; THSC, §382.017, concerning Rules; and THSC, §382.051, concerning Permitting Authority of the Commission; Rules.

Effect on the:

A.) Regulated community:

Many industries are subject to MACT or GACT standards. However, the proposed changes to Chapter 113 do not impose an additional burden on those industries because they are required to comply with the standards regardless of whether TCEQ or the EPA is the implementing authority. Sources that are subject to the new sections of Chapter 113 and have a Title V operating permit will need to revise their permit to include the applicable rule citations.

B.) Public:

This rulemaking will allow Texas to enforce the MACT and GACT standards, resulting in greater compliance and continued protection of human health and the environment.

C.) Agency programs:

The Air Permits Division will need to incorporate the three new MACT and GACT standards into new or revised Title V operating permits. Enforcement of the newly-promulgated MACT and GACT standards may result in additional workload for agency staff in the Office of Compliance and Enforcement. However, these tasks can be accomplished with existing resources.

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Stakeholder meetings:

No stakeholder meetings have been scheduled or held. The proposed rules would incorporate by reference federal regulations that already apply, and the proposed rules impose no additional requirements. The standard public notice and public comment process will be followed, with a public hearing in Austin scheduled for August 18, 2016.

Potential controversial concerns and legislative interest:

Staff does not expect controversy related to the proposed revisions to Chapter 113. The commission received no oral or written public comments during the similar incorporation of MACT standards in 2007 and 2013.

Will this rulemaking affect any current policies or require development of new policies?

No.

What are the consequences if this rulemaking does not go forward? Are there alternatives to rulemaking?

If this rulemaking does not go forward, TCEQ will not receive delegation of the new MACT and GACT standards from the EPA, and existing delegation would be at risk. Additionally, the existence of outdated MACT and GACT standards in Chapter 113 could create confusion as to which regulations apply. The alternative is to not revise Chapter 113 to incorporate the amended and new MACT and GACT standards. However, if this rulemaking is not completed, the EPA will become the implementing authority for these regulations. Furthermore, failure to incorporate the amended and new standards may create potential issues with approval of Texas' Title V Operating Permit Program.

Key points in the proposal rulemaking schedule:

Anticipated proposal date: July 6, 2016

Anticipated *Texas Register* publication date: July 22, 2016

Anticipated public hearing date: August 18, 2016

Anticipated public comment period: July 22, 2016 - August 22, 2016

Anticipated adoption date: December 7, 2016

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Attachments

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