

Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases: Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems

As published in the Federal Register on April 12, 2010, EPA is proposing a supplemental rule to require reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from petroleum and natural gas systems. Specifically, the proposed supplemental rulemaking would require emissions reporting from the following industry segments: Onshore petroleum and natural gas production, offshore petroleum and natural gas production, natural gas processing, natural gas transmission compressor stations, underground natural gas storage, liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage, LNG import and export terminals, and distribution. The proposed supplemental rulemaking does not require control of GHGs, rather it requires only that sources above certain threshold levels monitor and report emissions.

EPA is also proposing to add three data elements to the list of data elements specified in 40 CFR 98.3. These data elements would be included in the annual GHG reports that facilities and suppliers subject to the Mandatory GHG Reporting Rule are required to submit. Specifically, this proposed rule amendment would require each reporter to (1) provide the legal name and physical address of its highest-level U.S. parent company and to indicate its ownership status by selecting from a list of codes provided by EPA; (2) provide its primary and other applicable North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code(s); and (3) indicate whether any of its reported emissions are from a cogeneration unit. This proposed rule amendment applies to all facilities and suppliers required to report under 40 CFR part 98, published on October 30, 2009 (74 FR 56260).

Comments on this proposal must be received on or before June 11, 2010.