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Stay of Permitting Requirement for Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources

In the December 14, 2010, Federal Register, EPA published a final rule to stay, for 90 days, the requirement for certain Chemical Manufacturing area sources to comply with the Title V permitting program. On June 15, 2010, EPA notified Petitioners that the Agency intended to initiate the reconsideration process in response to their request for reconsideration of certain provisions in the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources (Part 63, Subpart VVVVVV).

Among the provisions that EPA is reconsidering is a requirement that certain affected sources obtain a permit. Because EPA believes the reconsideration process may not be completed within 90 days, they are proposing to stay the provision requiring certain sources to obtain a permit until the final reconsideration rule is published in the Federal Register. EPA is requesting public comment on this proposed stay.