

FACT SHEET

Final Rule: Revisions to Ambient Monitoring Quality Assurance and Other Requirements

ACTION:

- On March 10, 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised its air monitoring regulations to update requirements as needed to address new technology, and to reorganize and clarify quality assurance sections of the monitoring rules.
- Specific revisions apply to:
 - Quality assurance requirements for criteria pollutants,
 - Data reporting and certification requirements,
 - Annual monitoring network plan public notice requirements, and
 - Network design criteria for non-source lead monitoring.
- This rule will generally reduce burden for state, local, and tribal air monitoring agencies.

BACKGROUND

- Over the past 5-10 years, numerous changes have been made to the air monitoring regulations to address changes in the national ambient air quality standards, support technological changes (such as the increasing reliance on continuous fine particle monitoring), and support the introduction of more sophisticated monitoring stations (such as the near-road network and NCore multi-pollutant sites). As a result of these changes, monitoring agency compliance burden has increased and the technical basis for some existing requirements has become outdated.
- Accordingly, the EPA reviewed these requirements to identify opportunities for burden reductions, update requirements as needed to address new technology, and improve the overall readability of the quality assurance sections.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- To read the final rule and background information (see Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0619):
 - **The EPA's electronic public docket and comment system** at <http://www.regulations.gov>.
 - **The EPA Docket Center's Public Reading Room** (for hard copies).

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