



## Key Changes to the Area Source Rule

- Initial notification date for existing area source boilers has been extended to January 20, 2014. For new sources, forms are due within 120 days after startup.
- Initial tune-up for existing area source boilers has been extended to March 21, 2014. New sources (those that commenced construction or reconstruction after June 4, 2010) that began before May 20, 2011 must comply before May 20, 2011. New sources that began after May 20, 2011 must comply upon startup.
- Deadline for submitting a Notification of Compliance Status for tune-ups has been extended to July 19, 2014. If you already submitted this notification, you do not need to resubmit it.
- Tune-ups now are required every 5 years instead of every 2 years for certain area source boilers, including: seasonally operated units, limited-use units, small oil-fired units ( $\leq 5$  MMBTU/hr), and units with oxygen trim systems.
- The time period when new boilers must conduct their first 2-year or 5-year tune-up has been extended to no later than 25 months or 61 months, as applicable, after the startup of the new or reconstructed boiler.
- Provisions for existing dual-fuel fired units that fuel switch from gas to coal, biomass or oil have been revised such that they would still be considered existing sources.
- Hot water boilers (e.g., not generating steam) rated at less than 1.6 MMBTU/hr are not covered by the rule.
- Temporary boilers and residential boilers are exempt from these regulations.
- The scope of the energy assessment has been more clearly defined and allows for more streamlined assessments, including allowing sources already operating under certain energy management programs to satisfy the assessment requirement.
- Particulate matter (PM) emission limit requirements have been revised such that combustion of oil meeting certain sulfur content requirements by new oil-fired boilers is considered an alternative method of meeting the PM emission standard and that such units are not required to meet the PM emission limit.
- Fuel sampling and performance testing requirements have been reduced such that after demonstration of initial compliance, under certain circumstances, further fuel sampling for boilers subject to a mercury emission limit and further PM performance testing for boilers subject to a PM emission limit is not required.
- The option of continuous emissions monitoring can demonstrate continuous compliance with the carbon monoxide (CO) emission limit.

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