

Update on Recent Federal Actions Affecting Air Quality

The following table shows a list of major rules that EPA either finalized or proposed in the last two years related to air pollution.¹ The table also shows the current status of the rulemakings and committee(s) who sent comment letters to EPA when the agency sought comments on the proposals along with respective dates when those letters were sent.

Federal Action	Status of Action	COG Committee(s)/ States Commented On/ Eligible to Comment On	Date
In-Process			
SAFE Vehicle Rule for CAFÉ and Tailpipe Carbon Dioxide Emissions Standards for Model Year 2021-2026 Light-Duty Vehicles	Proposal	MWAQC/CEEPC/TPB	Commented on October 17, 2018
Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science	Proposal	MWAQC	Commented on July 26, 2018
Revise Supplemental Cost Finding for Mercury & Air Toxics Standards (MATS) Rule	Proposal	MWAQC	Commented on April 10, 2019
Methane Rule (Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review)	Waiting to be published as a proposal in Federal Register	CEEPC, States	CEEPC comment letter under development
New Source Review Determination	Proposal	States	October 8, 2019 (Last date for comments)
“Once In Always In” Guidance for Major Sources under the Clean Air Act	Proposal	States	September 24, 2019 (Last date for comments)

¹ Exhaustive lists of rollbacks can be found here - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/climate/trump-environment-rollbacks.html?smtyp=cur&smid=tw-nytclimate> and <https://eelp.law.harvard.edu/regulatory-rollback-tracker/>

EPA sued for not determining the 2015 Ozone NAAQs compliance status for several metropolitan areas	Court action awaited	Not open for comments	Petition filed in court on May 7, 2019
Elimination of 2020 standards for “A-lamps,” the pear-shaped bulbs	Proposal	CEEPC, States	November 4, 2019 (Last date for comments)
GHG New Source Performance Standards for Power Plants	Proposal	States	March 18, 2019 (Last date for comments)
Amending Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces & Commercial Water Heaters	Proposal	CEEPC, States	January 30, 2019 (Last date for comments)
EPA HFCs and Refrigerant Management Program	Proposal	States	November 15, 2018 (Last date for comments)
EPA NESHAPS for Brick and Tile plants	Proposal	States	October 4, 2018 (Last date for comments)
Completed			
Reconsideration of the Final Determination of the Mid-Term Evaluation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Model Year 2022-2025 (Light-Duty Vehicles)	Final (Previously issued Final Determination withdrawn and SAFE rule proposed)	MWAQC/CEEPC/TPB	Commented on September 27, 2017
Repeal of Clean Power Plan Rule	Final	MWAQC/CEEPC/CBPC	Commented on December 20, 2017
DOE Repeal of light bulb efficiency standards	Final	CEEPC, States	September 5, 2019 Effective October 7, 2019
Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule	Final (Replaced previous Clean Power Plan rule)	CEEPC, States	Commented on October 11, 2018

Regional Haze Rule	EPA currently reviewing the 2016 RH rule; Issued guidance for RH SIPs for states and left emissions controls for RH to other Clean Air Act and state emission control programs.	Not open for comments	-
Executive Order on Energy Infrastructure and Energy growth	Signed April 10, 2019	Not open for comments	-
Publicly Owned Treatment Works Hazardous Air Pollutant Standards	Final	States	Published on October 26, 2017
Heavy-duty Truck "Glider Kit" Rule	Proposed rule withdrawn	Not open for comments	Rule withdrawn on July 26, 2018
Municipal Solid Waste Landfill New Source Performance Standards	Court finds EPA violated the CAA by failing to review and approve SIPs r/e the 2016 landfill emissions guidelines and issue a FIP.	Not open for comments	Court finding on May 6, 2019
NEPA for Greenhouse Gases	Draft Guidance	States	August 26, 2019 (Last date for comments)
Petroleum Refinery Sector Rule (NESHAPs / NSPS)	Final	States	November 26, 2018 (Last date for comments)
Withdrawal from Paris Climate Agreement	Announcement made, withdrawal process cannot be completed until 2020	Not open for comments	
EPA disbands Particulate Matter Review Panel	Action taken	Not open for comments	Action taken on October 11, 2018
BLM rescinding of 2015 rule related to Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands	Action taken	Not open for comments	December 29, 2017
BLM Methane Waste Prevention Rule	Final	States	April 9, 2019 (Court dismissed the stay request on the rule)
EPA denial of Good Neighbor Section 126 petitions	Final (MD) Proposal (NY)	States	Denial of MD petition on October 5, 2018 July 15, 2019 (NY) (Last date for comments)

