



Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) Regulatory Actions

Final Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) for Power Plants

EPA Reopens Public Comment Period on Reconsideration of Startup and Shutdown Provisions

June 25, 2013 – EPA is reopening, for 60 days, the public comment period on the startup and shutdown provisions included in the November 2012 proposed updates to pollution limits for new power plants under Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. Interested groups will have the opportunity to review new information provided during the original public comment period and subsequent EPA analysis of that information.

- [Federal Register Notice \(PDF\)](#) (5pp, 211k) - Federal Register - June 25, 2013
- [Technical Support Document \(PDF\)](#) (19pp, 743k)

EPA Updates the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for New Power Plants

March 28, 2013 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) updated emission limits for new power plants under the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS). The updates only apply to future power plants; do not change the types of state-of-the-art pollution controls that they are expected to install; and will not significantly change costs or public health benefits of the rule.

- [Final Rule \(PDF\)](#) (22pp, 420k) - Federal Register - April 24, 2013
- [Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#) (2pp, 71k)

EPA extends public comment period on proposed MATS reconsideration; no public hearing requested

December 12, 2012 - EPA has extended the comment period on the MATS reconsideration proposal by one week - until January 7, 2013. The Office of the Federal Register mistakenly published the MATS reconsideration proposal in the "final rules" section of the Nov. 30, 2012, Federal Register, and published a correction notice stating the inaccuracy on Dec. 5, 2012. Also, EPA did not receive any requests to hold a public hearing on this proposal, so no public hearing will be held.

- [Notice of public comment extension \(PDF\)](#) (2pp, 199k) - Federal Register - December 12, 2012
- [Correction notice \(PDF\)](#) (1pg, 205k) - Federal Register - December 5, 2012

EPA Proposes to Update the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for New Power Plants

November 16, 2012 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to update emission limits for new power plants under the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS). The updates would only apply to future power plants; would not change the types of state-of-the-art pollution controls that they are expected to install; and would not significantly change costs or public health benefits of the rule. The public will have the opportunity to comment for 30 days after publication in the Federal Register and at a public hearing in Washington DC if one is requested.

- [Proposed Rule \(PDF\)](#) (22pp, 383k) - Federal Register - November 30, 2012
- [Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#) (2pp, 77k)

Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) Reconsideration

July 20, 2012 - EPA will review new technical information that is focused on toxic air pollution limits for new power plants under the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. This reconsideration does not cover the standards set for existing power plants.

- [EPA Letter to Petitioners \(PDF\)](#) (3pp, 586k)
- [Notice of Partial Stay \(PDF\)](#) (2pp, 212k) - Federal Register - August 2, 2012

EPA announces Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) for power plants <http://www.epa.gov/airquality/powerplanttoxics/actions.html>

December 21, 2011 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced standards to limit mercury, acid gases and other toxic pollution from power plants.

- [Final Rule \(PDF\)](#) (210pp, 1.28MB) - Federal Register - February 16, 2012
- [Fact Sheet: Benefits and Costs of Cleaning up Toxic Air Pollutants \(PDF\)](#) (3pp, 190k)
- [Fact Sheet: Summary of the Rule \(PDF\)](#) (6pp, 32k)
- [Fact Sheet: Clean Air and Reliable Electricity \(PDF\)](#) (6pp, 147k)
- [Fact Sheet: Adjustments from Proposal to Final \(PDF\)](#) (2pp, 114k)
- [Presentation: Reducing Toxic Pollution from Power Plants \(PDF\)](#) (21pp, 758k)
- [Press release](#)

Technical Information

- [Regulatory Impact Analysis](#) (510pp, 8.3MB)
- [Integrated Planning Model \(IPM\) Analysis](#)
- [Mercury Risk Assessment \(PDF\)](#) (196pp, 3.7MB)
- [Emissions Overview Memorandum \(PDF\)](#) (19pp, 2.5MB)
- [Enforcement Response Policy for CAA 113](#)
- [Example MATS Initial Notification Form \(PDF\)](#) (6pp, 27k)
- [Example MATS Initial Notification Form \(Word\)](#) (6pp, 71k)
- [Additional Technical Information](#)

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History of this Regulation

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