

Veolia North America

Regulatory Update - January 2025



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A. Compendium of Potential Alternative Technologies to Open Burning and Open Detonation of Hazardous Waste Explosives; Compendium

Agency

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Dates

Published Date: 01/03/2025

Summary

EPA updated the "Compendium of Potential Alternative Technologies to Open Burning and Open Detonation of Hazardous Waste Explosives." This compendium identifies alternative treatment technologies that potentially can be used in place of open burning and open detonation of certain hazardous waste explosives and includes currently available information.

This compendium is intended to be used by open burning/open detonation (OB/OD) facility owners and operators and others as a starting point in their literature search for potential alternatives. Open Burning/Open Detonation (OB/OD) should only be used when there are no other safe and feasible alternatives.

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Compendium.

<https://www.epa.gov/hwpermitting/compendium-potential-alternative-technologies-open-burning-and-open-detonation>

B. Implementing Statutory Addition of Certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) to Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Beginning With Reporting Year 2025; Final Rule

Agency

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Dates

Published Date: 01/06/2025

Effective Date: 02/05/2025

Summary

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the addition of the following nine per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances to the list of chemicals covered by the Toxics Release Inventory:

- Ammonium perfluorodecanoate (PFDA NH4) (3108-42-7)
- Sodium perfluorodecanoate (PFDA-Na) (3830-45-3)
- Perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid (377-73-1)
- 6:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonate acid (27619-97-2)
- 6:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonate anion (425670-75-3)
- 6:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonate potassium salt (59587-38-1)
- 6:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonate ammonium salt (59587-39-2)
- 6:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonate sodium salt (27619-94-9)
- Acetic acid, [(γ-ω-perfluoro-C8-10-alkyl)thio] derivs., Bu esters (3030471-22-5)

These nine PFAS were added to the TRI list pursuant to the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act, which provides the framework for the automatic addition of PFAS to TRI each year in response to specified EPA activities involving such PFAS. For TRI Reporting Year 2025 (reporting forms due by July 1, 2026), reporting is required for these nine additional PFAS, bringing the total PFAS subject to TRI reporting to 205.

To read the announcement on the EPA webpage please click the following link:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-adds-nine-additional-pfas-toxics-release-inventory>

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Notice.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-01-06/pdf/2024-31464.pdf>

C. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Correction

Agency

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Dates

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Summary

On November 18, 2024, FMCSA published a final rule (89 FR 90608) that amended its regulations by making technical corrections throughout the FMCSRs. The rule made minor changes to correct inadvertent errors and omissions, remove or update obsolete references, and improve the clarity and consistency of certain regulatory provisions. The rule also made a change to its rules of organization, procedures, and practice. Through this document, FMCSA provides amendments to correct two errors in that final rule.

First, through amendatory instruction no. 107 in the final rule, the Agency sought to revise § 387.307, which is stayed, without first lifting the stay. The Agency corrects this error by providing a new instruction to lift the stay, revise the section, and stay the section. The revisions to § 387.307 are the same revisions described in the final rule (89 FR 90608, 90613). Since the final rule published, the Agency has published another final rule amending § 387.307, titled “Broker and Freight Forwarder Financial Responsibility; Extension of Compliance Date” (89 FR 107021, Dec. 31, 2024). That rule changed the date on which the stay of § 387.307 will be lifted, from January 16, 2025, to January 16, 2026. Accordingly, the Agency's instruction in this correction stays § 387.307 until January 16, 2026.

Second, through amendatory instruction no. 152 in the final rule, the Agency sought to revise paragraph (2) of the definition of “Commerce” in § 397.65. The instruction contained a typographical error that referenced paragraph (s) instead of paragraph (2). The Agency corrects this error by providing a new instruction that references paragraph (2).

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the correction.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-01-10/pdf/2025-00212.pdf>

D. Regulatory Freeze Pending Review; Presidential Actions

Agency

White House

Dates

Published Date: 01/20/2025

Summary

President Trump signed an Executive Order on January 20, 2025 to order all executive departments and agencies to take the following steps:

- Halt all proposed rules until a department or agency head has been appointed.
- Withdraw any rules that have been sent to the Office of the Federal Register (OFR) but not published in the Federal Register.

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- Consider postponing the effective date for any rules that have been published in the Federal Register for 60 days to March 21, 2025.

The following regulatory changes that were previously summarized in the Veolia Regulatory Update – December 2024 have a new effective date of March 21, 2025:

- Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule, the Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule, and the Definition of Solid Waste Rule - Technical Corrections
- Implementing Statutory Addition of Certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) to Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Beginning With Reporting Year 2025
- Trichloroethylene (TCE); Regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Notice.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/regulatory-freeze-pending-review/>

E. **New Mailing Standards for Hazardous Materials Outer Packaging and Nonregulated Toxic Materials; Final Rule**

Agency

Postal Service™

Dates

Published Date: 01/27/2025

Applicable Date: 01/19/2025

Summary

The Postal Service is amending Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail (Pub 52 or Publication 52) by adding new section 131 to require specific outer packaging when mailing most hazardous materials (HAZMAT) or dangerous goods (DG), to remove quantity restrictions for nonregulated toxic materials, and to remove the telephone number requirement from the lithium battery mark.

The Postal Service will now require mailers shipping HAZMAT or DG to utilize rigid outer packaging that meets a minimum edge crush test requirement of at least 32 or 200 lbs. burst test strength for packages weighing 20 pounds or less and at least 44 edge crush test or 275 lbs. burst test strength for packages weighing more than 20 pounds. The Postal Service will remove quantity restrictions for nonregulated liquid and solid toxic materials, for products such as pesticides, insecticides, and herbicides in section 346.232 of Publication 52, but any such items must be contained within outer packaging meeting the requirements of section 131 of Publication 52.

Lastly, the Postal Service will align with Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) decision to remove the telephone number requirement from the

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lithium battery mark. The Postal Service encourages mailers to switch to a mark that does not include a telephone number as soon as possible and be fully compliant by January 1, 2027.

These changes are effective January 27, 2025.

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Final Rule.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-01-27/pdf/2025-01618.pdf>

F. Request for Information Regarding Treatment and Disposal of Elemental Mercury; Request for Information

Agency

Department of Energy (DOE)

Dates

Published Date: 01/16/2025

Comments and Information Due: 3/3/2025

Summary

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center and Office of Environmental Management are currently in the acquisition planning and regulatory planning stages for a potential future treatment and disposal (T&D) acquisition activity and fee rulemaking activities for elemental mercury waste.

The DOE has issued a request for information (RFI) for the purpose of conducting market research in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). This RFI is also being issued to potentially support a future rulemaking action that would establish a fee to provide long-term management and storage of elemental mercury.

Written comments and information are requested on or before March 3, 2025.

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Request for Information.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-01-16/pdf/2025-01034.pdf>