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EPA PROPOSES HAPS EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR PAINT STRIPPING AND MISCELLANEOUS SURFACE COATING OPERATIONS AT AREA SOURCES

On September 6, 2007, the United States EPA Administrator signed a proposed rule to limit the emissions of hazardous air pollutants from “area sources” engaged in paint stripping and miscellaneous surface coating operations. “Area sources” of hazardous air pollutants are those that emit less than 10 tons per year of a single hazardous air pollutant, or less than 25 tons per year of a combination of hazardous air pollutants. EPA has already issued regulations for major sources in these categories. Paint stripping operations use methylene chloride. Coating operations emit cadmium, chromium, lead, manganese, and nickel compounds. Comments on the proposed rule are due 30 days following the publication of the proposed rule in the Federal Register.

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