



NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	<p>Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u></p> <p>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</p>
2.	<p>Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1343]</p> <p>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov</p>
3.	<p>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:</p>
4.	<p>Products covered (HS or CCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Emissions</p> <p>Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Equipment for petroleum and natural gas industries (ICS 75.180), Compressors and pneumatic machines (ICS 23.140).</p>
5.	<p>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources: Stay of Certain Requirements (8 page(s), in English)</p>
6.	<p>Description of content: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to stay for two years certain requirements that are contained within the Final Rule titled "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources," published in the Federal Register on 3 June 2016 (2016 Rule). On 5 June 2017, the EPA published a notice that it stayed for three months the fugitive emissions requirements, well site pneumatic pump standards, and the requirements for certification of closed vent systems by a professional engineer in accordance with the Clean Air Act (CAA). The EPA has granted reconsideration based on specific objections to these requirements. The proposed stay discussed in this action, which follows the three-month stay, would provide the EPA sufficient time to propose, take public comment, and issue a final action on the issues concerning the specific requirements on which EPA has granted reconsideration. During this time, the EPA also plans to complete its reconsideration process for all remaining issues raised in these reconsideration petitions regarding fugitive emissions, pneumatic pumps, and certification by professional engineer requirements. The EPA acknowledges that the administrative reconsideration petitions include additional issues regarding these three requirements other than the issues for which we specifically have granted reconsideration. In addition, since the publication of the 2016 Rule, the EPA has received numerous questions relative to the implementation of these three requirements. During the reconsideration proceeding, the EPA intends to look broadly at the entire 2016 Rule. The EPA believes that addressing all of these issues at the same time would provide clarity and certainty for the public and the regulated community with regard to these requirements. The EPA is seeking comment pertaining to this stay and its duration and impact. The EPA is not taking comment at this time on substantive issues concerning these requirements, or on any of the other provisions subject to the reconsideration.</p>

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <p>82 Federal Register (FR) 27645, 16 June 2017; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.</p> <p>Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources: Stay of Certain Requirements, Proposed Rule published 16 June 2017: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-16/html/2017-12698.htm https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-16/pdf/2017-12698.pdf</p> <p>Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources; Grant of Reconsideration and Partial Stay published 5 June 2017: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-05/html/2017-11457.htm https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-05/pdf/2017-11457.pdf</p> <p>G/TBT/N/USA/1030/Add.1 - Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources, Final Rule published 3 June 2017: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-03/html/2016-11971.htm https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-03/pdf/2016-11971.pdf</p> <p>Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources: Stay of Certain Requirements, Proposed Rule; notice of data availability published 8 November 2017 will be issued as Add.1: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-08/html/2017-24344.htm https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-08/pdf/2017-24344.pdf</p> <p>Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources: Three Month Stay of Certain Requirements, Proposed Rule published 16 June 2017: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-16/html/2017-12473.htm https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-16/pdf/2017-12473.pdf</p> <p>Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources: Three Month Stay of Certain Requirements, Proposed Rule; notice of data availability published 8 November 2017: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-08/html/2017-24341.htm https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-08/pdf/2017-24341.pdf</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
10.	Final date for comments: 9 August 2017
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/USA/17_5336_00_e.pdf</p>