

## **Announcing Streamlined Process for the Regulated Community to request a Presidential Exemption under Section 112(i)(4) of the Clean Air Act**

### **Desk Statement**

To advance President Trump's Executive Orders and Power the Great American Comeback, EPA has set up an electronic mailbox to allow the regulated community subject to nine Clean Air Act rules listed below, known as National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, to request a Presidential Exemption under section 112(i)(4) of the Clean Air Act. A request for a Presidential Exemption may be submitted through [ [HYPERLINK "mailto:airaction@epa.gov" \h](mailto:airaction@epa.gov) ].

The Clean Air Act allows the President to exempt stationary sources of air pollution from compliance with any standard or limitation under section 112 for up to two years if the technology to implement the standard is not available and it is in the national security interests of the United States to do so.

An exemption may be extended for up to two additional years and can be renewed, if appropriate.

### **Background**

On March 12, 2025, EPA requested that facilities and/or affected sources subject to the regulations below to submit information about why their facility and/or affected source meets the requirements under Clean Air Act Section 112(i)(4) for a Presidential exemption while EPA reconsiders these rules:

- National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units Review of the Residual Risk and Technology Review" (89 FR 38508; May 7, 2024) (MATS Rule)
- "New Source Performance Standards for the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry and Group I & II Polymers and Resins" (89 FR 42932; May 16, 2024) (HON rule);
- "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ethylene Oxide Emissions Standards for Sterilization Facilities Residual Risk and Technology Review" (89 FR 24090; April 5, 2024) (Sterilizer Rule);
- "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing" (89 FR 94886; November 29, 2024) (Rubber Tire Rule);
- "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Primary Copper Smelting Residual Risk and Technology Review and Primary Copper Smelting Area Source Technology Review" (89 FR 41648; May 13, 2024) (Copper Rule);

- “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Integrated Iron and Steel Manufacturing Facilities Technology Review” (89 FR 23294; April 3, 2024) (Iron and Steel Rule);
- “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Lime Manufacturing Plants Technology Review” (89 FR 57738; July 16, 2024) (Lime Rule);
- “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Coke Ovens: Pushing, Quenching, and Battery Stacks, and Coke Oven Batteries; Residual Risk and Technology Review, and Periodic Technology Review” (89 FR 55684; July 5, 2024) (Coke Ovens Rule); and
- “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Taconite Iron Ore Processing” (89 FR 16408; March 6, 2024) (Taconite Rule).

## **Social Media**

**EPA AirAccounts (X, FB, Instagram, LinkedIn):** To advance President Trump’s Executive Orders and Power the Great American Comeback, we’ve set up a simple process for the regulated community to request a Presidential Exemption under section 112(i)(4) of the Clean Air Act. More info [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution" \h](https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution) ]

## **QA**

**Q: What does the company need to submit to get an exemption?**

**A:**

- Use “Presidential Exemption: [Name of Regulation]: [Facility(ies) Name]” as the subject of the request
- Clearly identify the:
  - Emissions standards or limitations subject to the request,
  - Facility(ies) and/or affected source(s), and
  - Length of compliance period being requested.
- Provide a justification to support the request, including:
  - An explanation why the technology to implement the standard is not available, and
  - An explanation why an extension is in the national security interests of the United States.
- If submitting information on behalf of another facility and/or affected sources that is not under your direct control or ownership, please provide appropriate delegation of authority to submit the request.
- Do not submit proprietary information. If intending to submit proprietary information, please note that if you wish to submit proprietary information and EPA will follow up, as appropriate.

**Q: Does submitting a request entitle the requestor to an exemption?**

A: No, the President still has to make a decision on the merits.

**Web:**

Post on: [ HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution>" ]

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**Automatic Reply:**

Thank you for emailing the AirAction mailbox to request a Presidential Exemption under section 112(i)(4) of the Clean Air Act and for engaging with the EPA in advancing President Trump's Executive Orders and Powering the Great American Comeback. We have received your email and will be in contact soon.