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Sent: 10/20/2017 10:04:17 PM
To: Beck, Nancy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=168ecb5184ac44de95a913297f353745-Beck, Nancy]
CC: Joe O'Donnell [joe@iwpawood.org]
Subject: RE: Regulatory Relief from Formaldehyde rule

Thanks... that is excellent news.
Have a great weekend.

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From: Beck, Nancy [mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 5:56 PM
To: Cindy Squires <cindy@iwpawood.org>
Cc: Joe O'Donnell <joe@iwpawood.org>
Subject: RE: Regulatory Relief from Formaldehyde rule

Cindy,
If all goes according to plan (which is never predictable with formaldehyde issues), the rule should be in the FR next week.

Regards,
Nancy

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From: Cindy Squires [mailto:cindy@iwpawood.org]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Joe O'Donnell <joe@iwpawood.org>
Subject: Regulatory Relief from Formaldehyde rule

Nancy,

I hope this finds you well. I am checking in with you regarding a regulatory relief item EPA has announced but not yet published on the formaldehyde composite wood rule.

You may recall we had a technical issue regarding lab correlation. On August 31 EPA put out the signed pre-publication version of the Direct Final Rule and the Proposed Rule which is great. However, it has yet to publish in the Federal Register. It is odd for this to be taking nearly 2 months. I fear that we will be forced to seek another extension of the compliance date if we can't get clarity on this lab issue.

I would appreciate any information you can provide as to why this is being delayed and when we might expect to see it published.

Here is EPA's information from its website to refresh your recollection:

Voluntary Consensus Standards Amendment

EPA will publish a direct final rule to update several voluntary consensus standards listed at 40 CFR § 770.99 and incorporated by reference in the Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products rule. [Read a pre-publication version of the direct final rule.](#) These updates apply to emission testing methods and regulated composite wood product construction characteristics. Several of those voluntary consensus standards (technical specifications for products or processes developed by standards-setting bodies) were updated, withdrawn, and/or superseded through the normal course of business by these various bodies to take into account new information, technology, and methodologies.

Additionally, the direct final rule corrects the rule at 40 CFR § 770.20(b) by allowing the formaldehyde emissions mill quality control test methods to correlate to either the ASTM E1333-14 test method or, upon a showing of equivalence, the ASTM D6007-14 test method. This correlation was inadvertently omitted from the original final rule. The correction aligns the mill quality control testing requirements with the California Air Resources Board standards allowing mill quality control tests to be correlated to the less expensive ASTM D6007-14 test method.

In the event that EPA receives an adverse comment on the direct final rule and must publish a proposal, EPA will also publish a companion notice of proposed rulemaking to update the voluntary consensus standards. [Read a pre-publication version of the proposed rule.](#) If EPA receives no adverse comment on the direct final rule or proposed rule, then the agency will take no further action on the proposed rule and the direct final rule will become effective 45 days after publication of the direct final rule. If EPA receives relevant, adverse comment, then the Agency will withdraw the direct final rule and proceed with the proposed rule through the normal rulemaking process.

Best regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Winchester, Erik [<mailto:Winchester.Erik@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Cindy Squires <cindy@iwpawood.org>
Subject: RE: Any news?

It's in the last steps of the process but I don't have a date, hoping as I have been that it will be soon.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cindy Squires [<mailto:cindy@iwpawood.org>]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Winchester, Erik <Winchester.Erik@epa.gov>; Joe O'Donnell <joe@iwpawood.org>
Subject: Any news?

Erik,

I was wondering when the docket will be published for the standards and lab fix?

Cindy

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Sent from my iPhone