

INTRODUCTION TO THE 36TH EDITION

The Clean Air Act Handbook: A Practical Guide to Compliance, 36th Edition, provides up-to-date information on developments under the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). Recent topics covered in the Thirty-Sixth Edition include:

- The Trump administration's decision to rescind EPA's 2009 finding that GHG emissions from motor vehicles cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare by contributing to climate change. The finding underpinned 15 years of motor vehicle GHG emission standards, which were repealed along with the endangerment finding.
- EPA's proposal to effectively rescind its 2009 mandatory GHG emission reporting rule after concluding that the CAA does not authorize information collection unless it is specifically linked to rulemaking or enforcement.
- Developments relating to the American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act, which establishes a framework for gradually reducing the production, consumption, and use of hydrofluorocarbons--powerful GHGs that are widely used in place of substances such as chlorofluorocarbons that deplete the stratospheric ozone layer.
- Cases against fossil fuel suppliers seeking to force action to address climate change based on state common law and statutory claims, including the Supreme Court's decision to review a Colorado Supreme Court case allowing the City and County of Boulder to sue petroleum producers under state climate change-related nuisance and other theories in the face of challenges that such actions are precluded by federal law.
- Issuance or reinstatement of policies under the New Source Review (NSR) program addressing NSR applicability, including issues relating to project emission accounting, facility reactivation, and beginning actual construction.
- Developments relating to EPA's National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs), including EPA's rescission of certain standards applicable to power plants under the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) and recent regulatory changes affecting solid waste incinerators.
- EPA's proposed repeal of virtually all Biden era changes to its risk management plan regulations.

As always, the Handbook includes websites and other resources to allow readers easy access to important laws, regulations, agency guidance documents, reports, and cases; it also includes Practice Tips that provide practical insight into the day-to-day implications of key Clean Air Act programs.

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