NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1831]  **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](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other** **[X]:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Emissions of greenhouse gases and other harmful air pollutants; Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Air quality (ICS 13.040), Extraction and processing of petroleum and natural gas (ICS 75.020) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review (154 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Proposed rule - This document comprises three distinct groups of actions under the Clean Air Act (CAA) which are collectively intended to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and other harmful air pollutants from the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category. First, the EPA proposes to revise the new source performance standards (NSPS) for GHGs and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) for the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category under the CAA to reflect the Agency's most recent review of the feasibility and cost of reducing emissions from these sources. Second, the EPA proposes emissions guidelines (EG) under the CAA, for states to follow in developing, submitting, and implementing state plans to establish performance standards to limit GHGs from existing sources (designated facilities) in the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category. Third, the EPA is taking several related actions stemming from the joint resolution of Congress, adopted on 30 June 2021 under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), disapproving the EPA's final rule titled, "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review," 14 September 2020 ("2020 Policy Rule"). This proposal responds to the President's 20 January 2021, Executive order (E.O.) titled "Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis," which directed the EPA to consider taking the actions proposed here. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  86 Federal Register (FR) 63110, 15 November 2021; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-11-15/html/2021-24202.htm> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-11-15/pdf/2021-24202.pdf>  This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov). Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.  The EPA will hold a virtual public hearing on 30 November 2021 and 1 December 2021. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for information on the hearing. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 14 January 2022; Comments must be received on or before 14 January 2022. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), comments on the information collection provisions are best assured of consideration if the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) receives a copy of your comments on or before 15 December 2021. |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/USA/21_7175_00_e.pdf> |