

Due Dates to Remember

March

1st - Industrial and hazardous waste; annual summary report (electronic)

- Tier II

31st - Multi Sector General Permits Benchmarks, and Discharge Monitoring Reports on numeric effluent limits

- Air Emissions Inventory

- Annual report on air emissions events

April

1st - Investor or privately owned water and waste water: annual report



SPCC Requirements Amended

On December 5, 2008, EPA amended the SPCC rule to clarify, tailor, and streamline requirements pertaining to many sectors.

Changes finalized in the December 2008 amendments:

The revised rule exempts:

- Hot-mix asphalt and hot-mix asphalt containers;
- Residential heating oil containers (i.e., those used solely at single-family residences);
- Pesticide application equipment and related mix containers;
- Underground oil storage tanks that supply emergency diesel generators at nuclear power generation facilities licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission;
- Intra-facility gathering lines subject to U.S. Department of Transportation's pipeline regulations; and

-Produced water containers that do not contain oil in harmful quantities.

Streamlining and Additional Flexibility for All Regulated Facilities

The revised rule:

- Provides a Plan template for certain qualified facilities to complete and self-certify;
- Extends "qualified facility" status to certain smaller oil production facilities;
- Amends the definition of "facility" and the diagram requirement to clarify how containers (fixed and mobile) and complex piping/transfer areas are identified on the facility diagram;
- Defines "loading/unloading rack" to clarify the equipment subject to the provisions for facility tank car and tank truck loading/unloading

racks;

-Amends the general secondary containment requirement;

-Exempts non-transportation-related tank trucks from sized secondary containment requirements;

-Amends the facility security requirements to allow the facility owner/operator to tailor security measures to the facility's specific characteristics and location; and

-Amends integrity testing requirements for bulk storage containers to allow greater flexibility in the use of industry standards at all facilities.

If you have any questions on if this amendment will affect you, please contact WORLD at (832) 295-0685.

Greenhouse Gases Regulatory Alert

The EPA has been tasked to determine reporting thresholds for 'greenhouse gasses'. This directive was given by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, under the authority of the Clean Air Act. The rule will require manda-

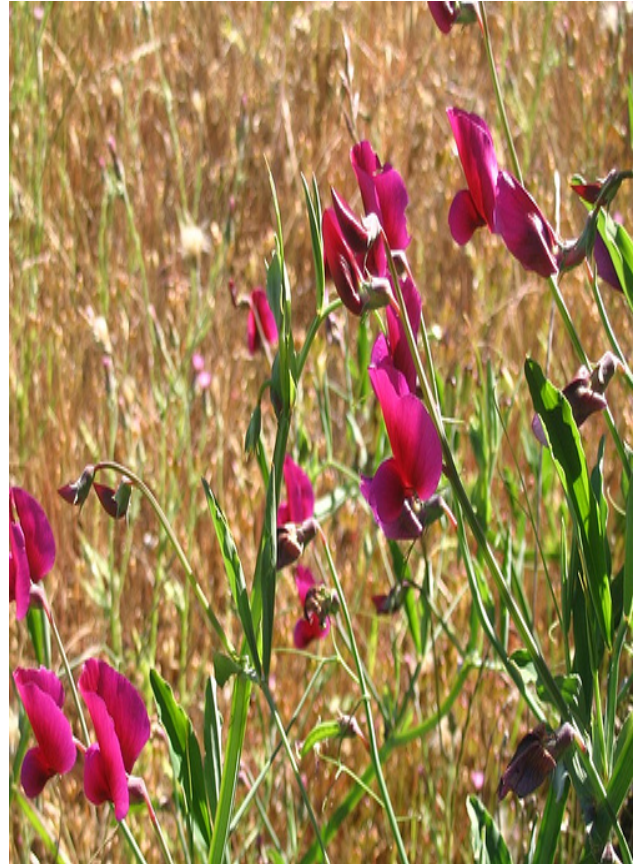
tory reporting in "above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy." Congress also requested EPA to include reporting of emissions "resulting from upstream production and downstream sources," to the ex-

tent that the Agency deems appropriate. This language indicates that additional air permitting may be required including greenhouse gases, or more likely, changes will need to be made to existing permits.

For any company who uses a combustion source, the additional air permitting may affect you. We at WORLD will give you updates as they become public and, should your business be affected, help you to become compliant.

EPA Increases Penalty Amounts for 2009

On December 11, 2008 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) passed a rule to increase the civil monetary penalty amounts that can be assessed for various environmental penalties the agency administers. The EPA issued the rule in accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment act of 1990, which states that each federal agency is required to publish regulations at least once every four years adjusting for inflation the civil penalties potentially assessed by the agency. The new EPA adjustments are a 15% increase over the present limits that have been in effect since 2004. Present penalty limits of \$6,500, \$11,000 and \$32,500 will be increased to \$7,500, \$16,000 and \$37,500. For example, under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), and the Clean Air Act (CAA), the civil judicial penalties that can be sought for most violations will increase from \$32,500 per day per violation to \$37,500 per day per violation. Administrative penalties associated with violations will also increase. The \$270,000 limit on total administrative penalties will be increased to \$290,000. The new adjustments will apply to any penalties received after January 12, 2009. Questions or for assistance avoiding these penalties, please call WORLD at (832) 295-0685.



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