

U.S. EPA Delays Implementation of Five Environmental Regulations

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has further delayed the effective date of five environmental regulations, including the Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products [final rule](#).

As we previously [reported](#), the White House Chief of Staff issued a [Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies](#) on January 20, 2017, that directed agencies to delay the effective dates of regulations meeting certain criteria by 60 days from the date of the issuance of the Memorandum. In accordance with that directive, on January 24, 2017, EPA released a [notice](#) temporarily delaying the effective date of 30 regulations until March 21, 2017.

On March 20, 2017, EPA [announced](#) the further delay of the effective dates of five regulations published between December 12, 2016 and January 17, 2017:

1. The rule on formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products;
2. The [rule](#) adding vapor and water intrusion as a contaminant pathway for placing a site on the National Priorities List (NPL);
3. The [rule](#) revising EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice governing the administrative assessment of civil penalties and various other administrative adjudicatory hearings, and appeals from such hearings and from permit decisions;
4. The [rule](#) revising air quality modeling guidelines for ozone and particulate matter; and
5. The [rule](#) revising the certification of applicators of restricted use pesticides.

The effective dates of the regulations were changed to May 22, 2017. EPA is not accepting public comment on its action to delay the regulations.

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