

Inputs Whose Reporting Deadline Was Deferred Until 2013

This fact sheet discusses inputs to emissions equations for which the reporting deadline has been deferred until 2013.

BACKGROUND

- In August 2011, EPA deferred the reporting deadline for inputs to equations until either March 31, 2013 or March 31, 2015¹ to allow time to fully evaluate the potential impact from the release of this data.
- The inputs to equations whose reporting deadline was deferred until 2013 (subsequently referred to as “2013 inputs”) are listed in Table A-6 of subpart A of the GHG reporting rule. The inputs to equations whose reporting deadline was deferred until 2015 are listed in Table A-7 of subpart A (http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title40/40cfr98_main_02.tpl). Subparts that have 2013 inputs are listed below:
 - C (Stationary Fuel Combustion)²
 - D (Electricity Generation)³
 - DD (SF6 from Electric Equipment Use)
 - FF (Underground Coal Mines)
 - HH (Municipal Landfills)
 - II (Industrial Wastewater Treatment)²
 - SS (Electric T&D Equipment Manufacturing)
 - TT (Industrial Waste Landfills)²

NEXT STEPS

- EPA has evaluated the 2013 inputs following the process that was outlined in the final inputs deferral rule⁴.
- EPA does not plan to take further action regarding the 2013 inputs. Therefore, inputs to equations whose reporting was deferred until 2013 must be reported to EPA by April 1, 2013⁵, for reporting years 2010, 2011, and 2012 as applicable⁶. In general, Part 98 reporting for some subparts was required to start in 2010 and in 2011 for others. The table below shows the reporting years for which the 2013 inputs will be required to be reported by April 1, 2013.

¹ 76 FR 53057 published 8/25/11

² The reporting deadline for some of the inputs to equations in this subpart were deferred until 2013 and some until 2015.

³ Subpart D is not explicitly included in Table A-6; however some of the subpart C reporting requirements included in Table A-6 are referenced in subpart D.

⁴ 76 FR 53057 published 8/25/11, p.53061

⁵ Because March 31, 2013 falls on a weekend, the deadline is moved to the next business day which is April 1, 2013.

⁶ Facilities should have this information for prior years because inputs to equations are required to be kept as recordkeeping (see 40 CFR Part 98.3).

Subpart	Reporting Years (RY) for Which 2013 Inputs Must be Reported by April 1, 2013
C (Stationary Fuel Combustion)	RY 2010, RY 2011, RY 2012
D (Electricity Generation)	RY 2010, RY 2011, RY 2012
DD (SF6 from Electric Equipment Use)	RY 2011, RY 2012
FF (Underground Coal Mines)	RY 2011, RY 2012
HH (Municipal Landfills)	RY 2010, RY 2011, RY 2012
II (Industrial Wastewater Treatment)	RY 2011, RY 2012
SS (Electric T&D Equipment Manufacturing)	RY 2011, RY 2012
TT (Industrial Waste Landfills)	RY 2011, RY 2012

- The 2013 inputs will be reported as part of the RY 2012 reporting process. This reporting period will run from mid-February until April 1, 2013. The 2013 input fields will be added into the e-GGRT reporting software for reporting years 2010, 2011 and 2012 as appropriate. For reporting years 2010 and 2011, reporters will need to add the inputs into e-GGRT (the data already submitted will not need to be re-entered). All submissions (and resubmissions, for RY 2010 and RY 2011) through e-GGRT must be signed and certified through the existing e-GGRT report submission process.
- E-GGRT will accept XML bulk upload for RY 2010, 2011, and 2012 reports. The e-GGRT XML schema will be modified to include the required inputs whose reporting deadline was deferred until 2013. This schema can be used to upload and submit a single GHG report for any given reporting year (i.e. RY2010, RY2011 or RY2012). The XML schema includes a field for reporting year which should be completed to indicate the appropriate year of the data. Once finalized, updated schemas reflecting the addition of 2013 inputs will be made available to reporters. The XML schema preview page has been published and is available at: <http://www.ccdsupport.com/confluence/display/help/XML+Reporting+Schema+Preview>
- If requested by reporting facilities, EPA may hold webinars to assist reporters understand how 2013 inputs are addressed in e-GGRT. Details will be made available on EPA’s GHGRP website in January after the software has been updated for the inputs entries.
- After 2013, inputs whose deadline was deferred until 2013 will be reported annually as part of the annual report submission.
- Section 114(c) of the Clean Air Act does not afford confidential treatment to “emission data.” EPA has a long-standing interpretation regarding what constitutes “emission data” under section 114(c) of the Clean Air Act, and consistent with that interpretation, EPA proposed, but has not finalized, that

inputs to emission equations are emission data. Should EPA receive a request to make the data publicly available through the Freedom of Information Act, EPA will make any necessary confidentiality determinations on a case by case basis.

- We are still in the process of evaluating the inputs to emissions equations whose reporting deadline was deferred until 2015, following the process outlined in the final deferral. EPA plans to issue a rulemaking related to the inputs whose reporting deadline was deferred until 2015.

MORE INFORMATION

- For more information on the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program including guidance and a schedule of training opportunities, please visit EPA's GHGRP Web site:
www.epa.gov/ghgreporting/reporters/index.html

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