

FACT SHEET
Other Solid Waste Incinerators – Air Curtain Incinerators and Title V Permit Provisions
Final Rule

ACTION

- On April 11, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency removed title V permit requirements for air curtain incinerators that burn only wood waste, clean lumber, yard waste, or a mixture of these three types of waste.
- This final action will not increase emissions. Air curtain incinerators that burn only these three types of waste will be required to continue to comply with the opacity requirements in the Other Solid Waste Incinerator (OSWI) rule.
- Taking this final action will simplify the compliance obligations for owners and operators of these types of units.

BACKGROUND

- EPA sets standards for OSWI units under Clean Air Act (CAA) section 129.
- On December 16, 2005, EPA issued new source performance standards (NSPS) and emissions guidelines (EG) for OSWI, subcategorized as very small municipal waste combustors (VSMWC) and institutional waste incinerators (IWI).
- The 2005 OSWI rule required all owners and operators of air curtain incinerators that burn only wood waste, clean lumber, and yard waste to obtain a title V permit to operate.
- Air curtain incinerators that burn wood waste, clean lumber, and yard waste are used frequently after natural disasters to burn large amounts of wood and vegetative debris. Air curtain incinerators also are used to manage forests to reduce wildfire danger and to burn land-clearing debris.
- On August 31, 2020, in response to feedback from permitting authorities and industry stakeholders, the EPA proposed to remove the title V permit requirement for air curtain incinerators that burn only wood waste, clean lumber, and yard waste. This provision was part of a larger proposal on OSWI. EPA is not taking action on the other aspects of the proposal in today's action.
- EPA received supportive comments on the proposed provision. No adverse comments were received.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Interested parties can download a copy of the final rule from the EPA's website at [Other Solid Waste Incinerators \(OSWI\): New Source Performance Standards \(NSPS\) and Emission Guidelines \(EG\) for Existing Sources](#).