

EPA Expected to Finalize GHG Reporting Rule This Month

The EPA stated that its final rule for mandatory reporting of GHG emissions, which was sent to OMB for review in mid-August, will be signed by the end of September. According to the agency, signature by the end of September is necessary in order to allow the rule to become effective on January 1, 2010. Issued in March 2009, the proposed form of the GHG reporting rule would require most stationary sources emitting at least 25,000 tons CO₂-equivalent per year to submit annual emissions reports to EPA. GHG emissions monitoring would begin in 2010, with the first emission reports due in 2011. Approximately 13,000 facilities around the country would be affected, representing about 85% of U.S. GHG emissions.