

#### **Boiler MACT and NHSM**

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## **Overview**

- Progress in December Reproposal
  Provided extensive comments in February
  Key Remaining Issues
  Need for more time to comply
  Listing more biomass residuals as fuels
  - Achievable limits throughout rules

### **Improvements in Reconsideration**

- **Dioxin Work Practices**
- Longer averaging times for CO and parameters
- Listed resinated wood & TDF as non-waste fuel
- No PM CEMs for <u>ALL</u> biomass they don't work
- New subcategories suspension burners;
   heavy & light oil
- Kept work practices for Gas I boilers

# **Extra Compliance Time**

- Create presumption for states to grant 4<sup>th</sup> year
  - Provide certainty if meet a criteria
    - Ambiguity over NHSM status
    - Capital or vendor procurement challenges
    - Conversion/retrofitting to natural gas may need more time
    - Adoption of Co-generation/CHP
    - Multiple emission reduction investments
    - Multiple regulatory obligations beyond MACT
    - State permitting delays

# NHSM

- We support EPA's listing of resinated wood and TDF as fuels
- Need to list P&P wastewater treatment residuals
  - When use as fuel, burn vast majority
  - Has comparable contaminants, and managed/stored like fuel
  - Processed to remove water >30% solids when burned
- If not list, at least create "safe harbor" for other materials
  - Paper recycling residuals
  - Processed construction and demolition (C&D) Wood
  - Railroad ties

### **NHSM-CISWI** interface

- Contained gas definition put back in
- Homogeneous waste go back to statutory definition
  - Many P&P mill boilers are Qualified Facilities
  - Self-determination, no petition process

### **Achievable and Affordable limits**

#### Biomass CO

- use alternative floor method and data that accounts for variability
- both short and CEM limits
- Coal and Oil CO adopt work practice or 100 ppm
  - Done in Utility MACT
  - No relationship with HAPs below 100 ppm of CO
- Better new source limits
  - confirm test methods and detection adjustments

# Achievable and Affordable limits – con't

- Include fuel variability factors for Hg and HCl
  - Wide range of Hg and HCl levels in fuels
  - Keep broad solid fuel subcategory
- Support broad averaging across subcategories
  - help with high cost of HCl controls little health benefit
- Emission credit for repowering to natural gas
  - covered by work practice in long run