

competitive products represented 5.54 percent of total institutional costs.<sup>3</sup> The contribution from competitive products to the recovery of the Postal Service's institutional costs was 6.78 percent in FY 2009 and 7.12 percent in FY 2010.<sup>4</sup> In FY 2009 and FY 2010, institutional costs were reduced compared with previous years, due in part to the congressionally mandated reductions of the required annual contribution to the Retirement Health Benefits Fund. The Postal Service also has increasingly exercised its flexibility to transfer mail volume from market dominant products to competitive products. See 39 U.S.C. 3642.

On December 29, 2011, the Postal Service filed its 2011 Annual Compliance Report with the Commission. That report indicates that in FY 2011 competitive products collectively contributed 7.84 percent of the Postal Service's institutional costs.<sup>5</sup>

## II. Invitation To Comment

The Commission invites comments to facilitate its examination of the appropriateness of the current contribution level. To inform its deliberations, the Commission requests comments from interested members of the public on whether and how changes in competitive market conditions, the allocation of costs to competitive products, the number and volume of competitive products, or any other changes should impact the minimum appropriate share of institutional costs of the Postal Service that should be provided by competitive products. As required by the statute, the Commission in making its determination must consider all relevant circumstances, including the prevailing competitive conditions in the market, and the degree to which any costs are uniquely or disproportionately associated with any competitive products. Comments also are welcome on any issues relevant to the reasonableness of the current 5.5 percent contribution requirement and retaining, modifying, or eliminating it.

Comments are due March 5, 2012. Reply comments may be submitted on or before April 2, 2012.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, R. Kevin Harle is designated as the officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public (Public

Representative). The Public Representative will direct the activities of Commission personnel assigned to him and, upon request, will provide their names for the record. Neither the Public Representative nor any of the assigned personnel will participate in or provide advice on any Commission decision in this proceeding.

## III. Ordering Paragraphs

### *It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2012–3, in compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(b).

2. The Commission designates R. Kevin Harle as the Public Representative representing the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments are due March 5, 2012.

4. Reply comments are due April 2, 2012.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 63

[EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0797; FRL–9619–5]

RIN 2060–AQ–92

### National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is announcing that the period for providing public comments on the December 6, 2011, proposed rule titled, “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants” is being extended for 12 days.

**DATES:** *Comments.* The public comment period for the proposed rule published December 6, 2011, (76 FR 76260) is being extended for 12 days to February 1, 2012, in order to provide the public additional time to submit comments and supporting information.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comments.* Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted to EPA electronically, by mail, by facsimile or through hand

delivery/courier. Please refer to the proposal for the addresses and detailed instructions.

*Docket.* Publicly available documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection either electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the EPA Docket Center, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

*World Wide Web.* The EPA Web site for this rulemaking is at: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/alum/alumpg.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Putney, Metals and Inorganic Chemicals Group (D243–02), Sector Policies and Programs Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; Telephone number: (919) 541–2016; Fax number (919) 541–3207; Email address: [putney.david@epa.gov](mailto:putney.david@epa.gov).

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **Comment Period**

Due to requests received from industry to extend the public comment period, the EPA is extending the public comment period for an additional 12 days. Therefore, the public comment period will end on February 1, 2012, rather than January 20, 2012.

### **How can I get copies of this document and other related information?**

The EPA has established the official public docket No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0797. The EPA has also developed a Web site for the proposed rulemaking at the addresses given above.

Dated: January 12, 2012.

**Gina McCarthy,**  
*Assistant Administrator.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 81

[EPA–HQ–OAR–2008–0476; FRL–9619–4]

### EPA Responses to State and Tribal 2008 Ozone Designation Recommendations; Extension of Public Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

<sup>3</sup> FY 2008 Annual Compliance Determination, March 30, 2009, at 87.

<sup>4</sup> FY 2009 Annual Compliance Determination, March 29, 2010, at 117; FY 2010 Annual Compliance Determination, March 29, 2011, at 138.

<sup>5</sup> See Docket No. ACR2011, FY 2011 Annual Compliance Report, December 29, 2011, at 64. Competitive products contribution, \$2.317 billion, divided by total institutional costs, \$29.554 billion.