

**National Association of Clean Air Agencies**  
**Survey on MATS Compliance Extension Requests**

**May 1, 2014**

The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS), issued on December 21, 2011 (published in the *Federal Register* on February 16, 2012<sup>1</sup>), are intended to limit emissions of mercury, acid gases and other toxic pollution from power plants. MATS calls for a three-year compliance period for existing sources, with a deadline of April 16, 2015, but provides for an extra year, upon request, for sources that need additional time to comply.

The National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA)<sup>2</sup> conducted a survey to determine how many facilities had requested one-year MATS compliance extension requests (under 40 CFR 63 Subpart UUUUU) from state and local agencies and how many requests have been granted. The following table contains information from 58 agencies in 45 states, DC and Puerto Rico. According to the responses, 107 facilities have made extension requests, of which 98 have been granted, five are under consideration, two were returned to the facilities for additional information and two been denied, to date. The respondents indicated that approximately six more requests may be forthcoming. According to EPA's Regulatory Impact Analysis, there are 460 coal-fired power plants that are affected by the MATS rule.

If you have additions or changes to this information, please provide them to Mary Sullivan Douglas of NACAA at [mdouglas@4cleanair.org](mailto:mdouglas@4cleanair.org).

The following are the responses NACAA received.<sup>3</sup>

Agency	Compliance Extension Requests Received	Requests Granted	Comments
<b>Alabama</b>	5	5	
<b>Alabama-Jefferson Co.</b>	0	0	Facility expected to comply on time.
<b>Alaska</b>	0	0	Alaska has not yet taken delegation of this rule, so any extension requests would be handled by Region 10. We are not aware of any requests submitted to Region 10.
<b>Arizona</b>	4	4	
<b>Arkansas</b>	3	3	
<b>California-San Joaquin Valley</b>	0	0	

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-16/pdf/2012-806.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> NACAA is a national, non-partisan, non-profit association of air pollution control agencies in 43 states, the District of Columbia, four territories and over 116 metropolitan areas.

<sup>3</sup> If a state or local agency is not listed, it does not necessarily mean that it has not received any extension requests. It could merely signify that it did not respond to NACAA's request for information.

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<b>California-South Coast Air Quality Management District</b>	0	0	All four of the sources identified by EPA Region 9 indicate that they fall under the exemption, are not subject to MATS, and do not need extensions.
<b>Colorado</b>	3	1	Two of the sources have not responded to requests for more information. A fourth request was withdrawn.
<b>Connecticut</b>	0	0	
<b>Delaware</b>	0	0	
<b>District of Columbia</b>	0	0	
<b>Florida</b>	0	0	One request is expected.
<b>Georgia</b>	2	2	
<b>Hawaii</b>	2	2	
<b>Idaho</b>	0	0	There are no affected sources.
<b>Illinois</b>	5	5	All 5 are partial extensions, which cover only small parts of the rule (not the same parts for each source). The majority of the rule will take effect on the compliance date.
<b>Indiana-Indianapolis</b>	1	1	Approval granted by the state.
<b>Iowa</b>	0	0	Iowa has not yet taken delegation of this rule, so any extension requests would be handled by Region 7. Two facilities are expected to submit requests.
<b>Kansas</b>	3	3	
<b>Kentucky</b>	7	6	Request under consideration
<b>Kentucky-Louisville</b>	2	2	
<b>Maine</b>	0	0	
<b>Maryland</b>	2	0	Requests denied but facilities can request again if more time is needed closer to the deadline.
<b>Massachusetts</b>	0	0	
<b>Michigan</b>	16	16	
<b>Minnesota</b>	2	2	
<b>Mississippi</b>	3	3	
<b>Missouri</b>	9	9	
<b>Montana</b>	0	0	
<b>Nebraska</b>	5	5	
<b>Nebraska-Lincoln</b>	0	0	
<b>Nebraska-Omaha</b>	1	1	

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<b>Nevada</b>	0	0	
<b>Nevada-Washoe Co.</b>	0	0	
<b>New Hampshire</b>	1	1	Extension is conditional on facility applying for/obtaining construction permit for installation of pollution control equipment.
<b>New Jersey</b>	0	0	Six coal units already comply, two converted to gas and two that do not comply are converting to gas well before the MATS deadline. NJ standards predate EPA's and are equal to or more stringent than EPA's.
<b>New Mexico</b>	0	0	
<b>New York</b>	0	0	
<b>North Carolina</b>	0	0	
<b>North Dakota</b>	1	0	Request is under consideration.
<b>Ohio</b>	5	4	Request is under consideration.
<b>Oklahoma</b>	3	3	
<b>Oregon</b>	0	0	
<b>Oregon-Lane Co.</b>	0	0	
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	2	2	
<b>Pennsylvania-Allegheny Co.</b>	0	0	
<b>Pennsylvania-Philadelphia</b>	0	0	
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	1	1	Expect requests from three sources.
<b>Rhode Island</b>	0	0	
<b>South Carolina</b>	2	2	One of the facilities closed late 2013. Only one of the extensions remains.
<b>Tennessee</b>	1	0	Likely to be approved shortly.
<b>Vermont</b>	0	0	There are no affected sources.
<b>Virginia</b>	2	2	A third request was withdrawn.
<b>Washington</b>	0	0	
<b>Washington-Northwest Clean Air Agency</b>	0	0	
<b>Washington-Southwest Clean Air Agency</b>	0	0	The sole coal-fired power plant in Washington already complies with the requirements.
<b>West Virginia</b>	7	7	
<b>Wisconsin</b>	7	6	Request is under consideration.
<b>TOTAL</b>	107	98	