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Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines/NESHAP/NSPS: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Publishes Rule Addressing Electronic Reporting

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) published a final rule in the August 30th Federal Register finalizing amendments for the following:

- National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (“NESHAP”) for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (“RICE”).
- New Source Performance Standards (“NSPS”) for Stationary Combustion Ignition (“CI”) Internal Combustion Engines.
- NSPS for Stationary Spark Ignition (“SI”) Internal Combustion Engines.

The stated purpose of the amendments is to add electronic reporting provisions.

Stationary Engines use pistons that alternately move back and forth to convert pressure into rotating motion. Such engines are used for a variety of applications such as:

- Generating electricity to power pumps.
- Compressors and power in manufacturing plants.
- Fire/flood applications.

The Association of General Contractors of America estimate that nearly one million existing, stationary diesel RICE are covered by these regulatory provisions.

EPA states that the addition of these electronic reporting provisions will:

- Provide for simplified reporting by sources.
- Enhance availability of data on sources to the EPA and the public.

A copy of the Federal Register notice can be downloaded [here](#).