



Fact Sheet

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On January 19, 2011, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) submitted comments on the two Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) notices of proposed settlement agreement under the Clean Air Act published on December 30, 2010. In these notices, EPA invites public comment on settlement agreements that would require rulemaking under section 111(b) and 111(d) of the Clean Air Act for Petroleum Refineries and for Electric Utility Generating Units (EGUs). Advocacy is concerned that the timelines for rulemaking required by these settlement agreements do not provide sufficient time for EPA to fully comply with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), including, if necessary, the requirement to conduct a Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) in support of notices of proposed rulemaking. Advocacy advises that, unless EPA knows at this time that it will certify both rules "will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities," EPA should allow for more than a year to develop the proposed rules.

A complete copy of Advocacy's letter to EPA is available at <http://www.sba.gov/advocacy/816>.

For more information about EPA's proposed settlement agreements, please visit Advocacy's Web page at www.sba.gov/advo or contact David Rostker, Assistant Chief Counsel, at (202) 205-6966 or david.rostker@sba.gov.