

EPA Metal Can MACT Standard

In November 2003, the EPA published the final National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP or MACT) for the Surface Coating of Metal Cans operations in the United States. The rule is expected to help reduce hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) from current metal can coating operations by 70 percent. The Clean Air Act standards are required for can manufacturing facilities and other major industry sources of HAPs. Industry compliance is required for three years after final promulgation of the Can MACT (November 2006).

CMI worked closely with EPA officials in their development of the industry's MACT to establish reasonable air emission standards for the industry. CMI generally supports many of the approaches taken by the rule, particularly areas where affected sources would be given additional compliance flexibility. Additionally, the successful campaign to remove EGBE as a regulated hazardous air pollutant has had a significantly favorable impact on the number of can plants ultimately subject to the Metal Can MACT rule and its pollution control requirements.