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EPA received a request from the Steel Manufacturers Association for a second extension on the comment period. The new deadline is April 16, 2007.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Measurement Policy Group

Solicitation of Comments on the AP-42 Section 12.5.1 Steel Minimills

SUMMARY: EPA is soliciting comments on AP-42 Section 12.5.1 Steel Minimills. The Draft Section was sent out for public comment in December 2004. Since then, additional stack test data were received from States and other EPA sources. The new stack test data was used to update the December 2004 emission factors, and revise the corresponding section and background document.

BACKGROUND: In 2002, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was initiated to provide an update to Chapter 12, Section 12.5, Iron and Steel Production, within the document Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors, Volume 1: Stationary Point and Area Sources, Fifth Edition (AP-42). As a result of that work, Draft Section 12.5.1 of AP-42 Chapter 12 (Steel Minimills) was developed. The draft Section was sent out for public comment in 2004. A few comments were received during this period, but no additional stack test data was provided. In 2006, EPA contacted State Agencies and other data gathering organizations to obtain additional stack test data. The new stack test data were compiled with the original data and new emission factors were calculated. Section 12.5.1 and the background document were revised to include the new emission factors and address public comments submitted in 2004.

SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT: The EPA is in the process of soliciting comments on Section 12.5.1, and would like to receive additional stack test data for the various processes associated with steel minimill production. The EPA requests that the test reports must include all QA/QC data that supports the stack test emission values.

You may obtain electronic copies of this document and the background document from the EPA CHIEF web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/ap42/ch12/index.html>. Comments and source test data may be submitted electronically to the EPA's Info CHIEF Help Desk at info.chief@epa.gov. For further information you may contact the Info CHIEF Help Desk at (919)541-1000, Monday through Friday. The Help Desk is staffed during the afternoon.

COMMENTS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2007

NEW COMMENT DATE IS APRIL 16, 2007