# The Brick MACT- What are we doing about it?

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#### What we will cover

Activities before final rule

Current activities

•Where do we go from here?

#### **MACT Promulgated**

- Published on October 26, 2015
- Effective date: December 25, 2015
- Compliance (existing sources):
   December 26, 2018

# **The Brick MACT**

- •Maximum Achievable Control Technology standard
- Air toxics rule published by US EPA
- Applies to <u>major sources</u> of HAP (HF or HCI)
  - 10 tons per year of either HAP, calculated at full capacity and operating 8760 hours per year
  - Summed for entire facility, not individual kiln or just kilns
- No requirements for brick dryers or raw material processing

#### Brick and Structural Clay ("includes but is not limited to:"]

- Brick pavers
- Clay pipe
- Roof pile
- Extruded floor and wall tile
- Other extruded, dimensional clay products

# What Pollutants are Covered?

Emission limits/limitations for HAP only:

99+% of emissions

from brick kilns

- Hydrogen Fluoride
- Hydrogen Chloride
- Chlorine
- Mercury
- Other Metal HAP (PM as surrogate)
- Dioxin/furan

Does <u>NOT regulate</u> SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, PM<sub>2.5</sub>

#### What we did during development

- Mirrored technical work of EPA
- Met with EPA
- Participated in Small Business Panel
- •Worked with: SBA, US Chamber, Capitol Hill

#### What is happening now?

- Reconsideration
- Litigation
- Compliance
  - •3 year clock is virtually unstoppable
  - Preliminary assessment and planning

#### **Post Promulgation Activities**

- Working with EPA on reconsideration and compliance
- Capitol Hill
- •US Chamber of Commerce report
- Small Business Administration

# **Lawsuits and Petitions**

#### Lawsuits

- BIA
- TCNA
- Kohler
- Sierra Club/NRDC

#### Reconsideration Petitions

- BIA, TCNA, and Kohler
- SC/NRDC decided not to

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# "Unstoppable"

# Three ways to stop compliance clock

EPA issues stay

#### **Typical Result**

EPA never agrees to these

Courts issue stay



Took Supreme Court to stall Clean Power Plan

Act of Congress

• Well.... Okaaaaayyyyy

# "Unstoppable" without an act of Congress

#### House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns (BRICK Act)
- Visits with Congress
- Testified at Hearings
- Pushed with visits and letters...lots of letters



#### **Next Steps**

- Looking for sponsors in the Senate
- Targeting specific plants/states to call into Senate Energy and Public Works Committee
- If identical bill passes Senate, goes straight to White House; if not, joint Committee







#### Two Things could happen

- Signed = Law
- Veto
  - Obama Administration has already indicated they would "have to veto"
  - Can we stop that?
  - Can it be overridden?
  - Will Congress undertake the effort?





# **Success with VETO?**

- Build our profile in House and Senate
- Shows EPA we are in it for the long haul- could help with negotiations on Reconsideration
- ✓ Highest levels of EPA know who we are
- Adds pressure to EPA to act (i.e., could push them to offer stay)
- Shows court we have tried every option- could push them to act



#### **Compliance**

Industry developed guidance
Quality Assurance Project Plan
EPA developed guidance

#### **Industry's Role**

- Know where you are now
- Help with Reconsideration
- Send raw material or green brick to NBRC
- Send your letters (we will get to that!)



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