



## MON RTR: Lessons Learned & Looking Ahead to HON RTR

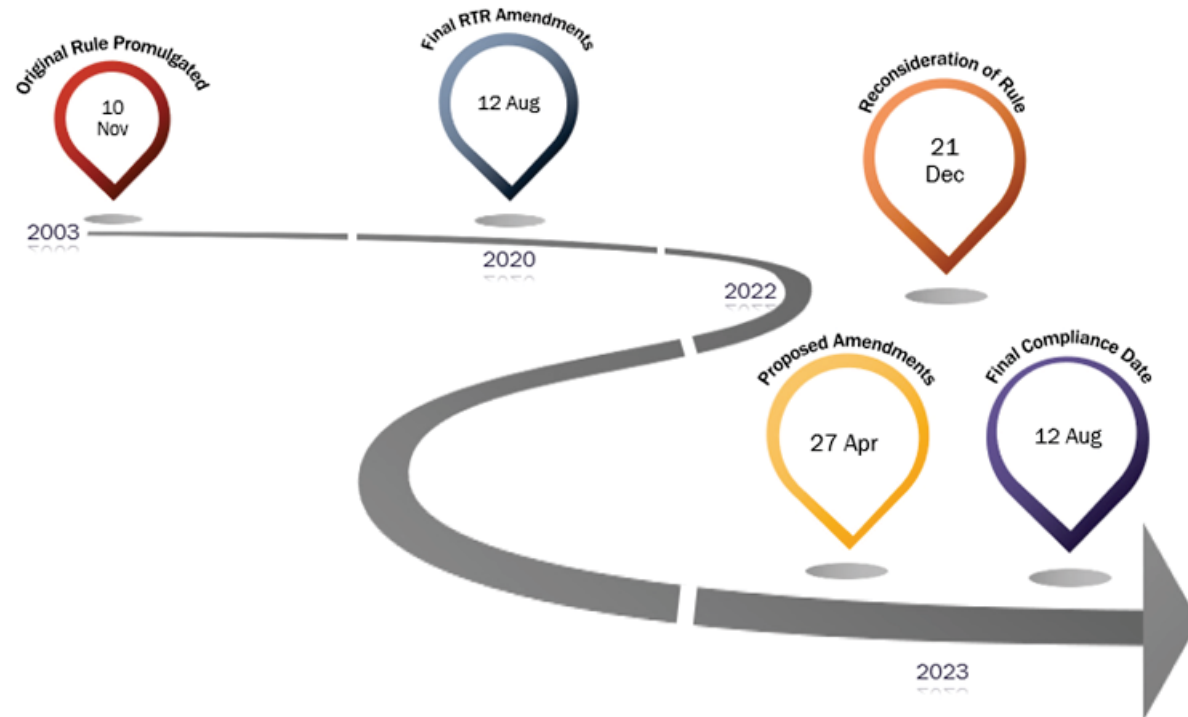
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# MON History

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- MON was originally promulgated in November 2003.
- In August 2020, the provisions of MON were broadly expanded through the MON RTR:
  - EPA is required to perform a residual risk review within 8 years of establishing the standard and a Technology review every 8 years
  - August 12, 2020 – Final Rule
  - Reconsideration of Final Rule – December 21, 2022
    - Regarding the risk value EPA used in assessing cancer risk (EPA’s IRIS value vs. TCEQ risk value)
    - Resulted in no change (EPA’s IRIS value maintained)
  - April 27, 2023 – Proposed Amendments (comments closed June 12, 2023)
    - Miscellaneous clarifications
    - Removal of the definition of “force majeure”

# What's Coming Ahead?

Amendment	MACT CC	EMACT	MON	HON
New Standards for Equipment "In Ethylene Oxide Service"	---	---	X	X
Removal of SSM Exemption	X	X	X	X
Enhanced Flare Monitoring Requirements	X	X	X	X
Atmospheric PRD Release Management Provisions	X	X	X	X
Maintenance Venting Work Practice Standards	X	X	X	X
Heat Exchange Systems Updates	X	X	X	X
Storage Tank Degassing Requirements	---	X	X	X
Fenceline Monitoring Requirements	X	---	---	X

# MON Compliance Dates

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- ✓ Removal of alternative leak definition for pumps in Light Liquid service



- ✓ Enhanced control device provisions for process vents, surge control vessels, bottoms receivers, and storage tanks in ethylene oxide service
- ✓ Storage tank provisions amendments for storage tanks in ethylene oxide service
- ✓ Enhanced equipment leak provisions for equipment in ethylene oxide service

- ✓ General requirements amendments, including removal of the startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM) exemption
- ✓ Enhanced flare control device provisions for flares that control ethylene oxide emissions and flares used to control emissions from MCPUs that produce olefins or polyolefins
- ✓ New maintenance venting provisions
- ✓ New storage tank degassing provisions
- ✓ Enhanced pressure release requirements and management provisions
- ✓ Wastewater streams and liquid streams in open systems amendments
- ✓ Heat exchanger monitoring requirements amendments



# Implementation Strategies

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Conduct a comprehensive gap analysis to determine:

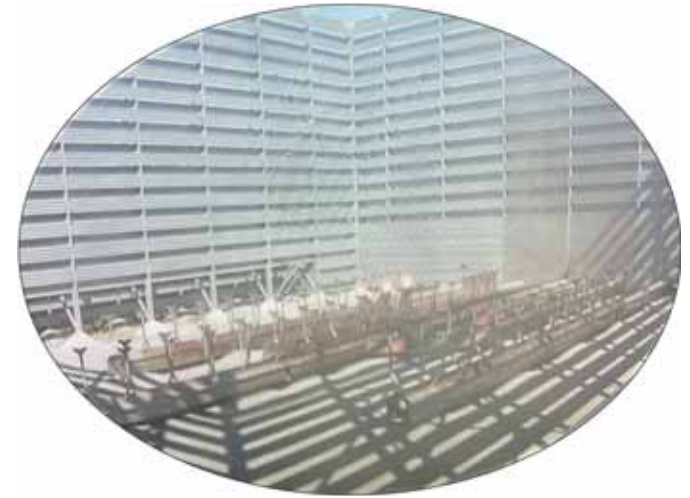
- What type (if any) of new equipment will be needed?
- Will capital authorization and funding need to be obtained?
- What is the lead time for purchasing any new equipment needed?
- What are the engineering, construction, and installation timeframes associated with any new equipment?
- What administrative (i.e., training, recordkeeping, etc.) changes are needed?



## Lessons Learned - Flares

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- Lead times on new analyzers were longer than expected, which shortened time available for troubleshooting.
- For existing analyzers that meet all regulatory specifications:
  - Is the unit of measure output correct?
  - Should specific gravity measurement requirements be addressed?
- Get your Analyzer/Instrumentation and Controls personnel involved as early as possible!



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Enhanced Flare Monitoring Requirements	X	X	X	X

- The enhanced monitoring provisions included in the proposed HON RTR amendments are similar to those promulgated for MON.
- Inclusion of a new Ethylene Oxide limit: the maximum amount of Ethylene Oxide that can be sent to all flares combined from an affected source in 20 tons in any consecutive 12-month period.

# Lessons Learned – Pressure Relief Devices

- Understand the time associated with identifying subject PRDs:
  - Full facility P&ID review necessary in some cases.
  - Data collection needs for stream speciations
    - For example, heat and material balances do not always have the resolution needed for HAP content determinations.
- There are not just administrative changes associated with PRD amendments (i.e., funding may be needed for installation of a continuous monitoring system or for tie-ins to the CVS).
- There are specific recordkeeping requirements associated with PRDs vented to a flare.
- Be aware of re-spanning needs if leveraging existing upstream pressure transmitters.





# What's Coming Ahead?

Amendment	MACT CC	EMACT	MON	HON
Atmospheric PRD Release Management Provisions	X	X	X	X

- The proposed work practice standards are similar to those found in MON.
- Any release of a PRD in Ethylene Oxide service is a violation of the work practice standards.

# Lessons Learned – Process Vents

- If there is no equipment in Ethylene Oxide service, your pain point is the new maintenance venting requirements.
  - Generally, no funding is needed to implement a maintenance vent program; however, implementation can be very tedious and time consuming.
  - There are multiple stakeholders to consider when implementing a program – Environmental, Operations, and Maintenance.
  - Engage stakeholders as early as feasible to understand which work practice standard option disrupts current processes as minimally as possible.
  - However...the new work practice standards drive a culture change for startup, shutdown, and maintenance activities.



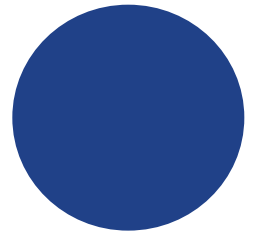
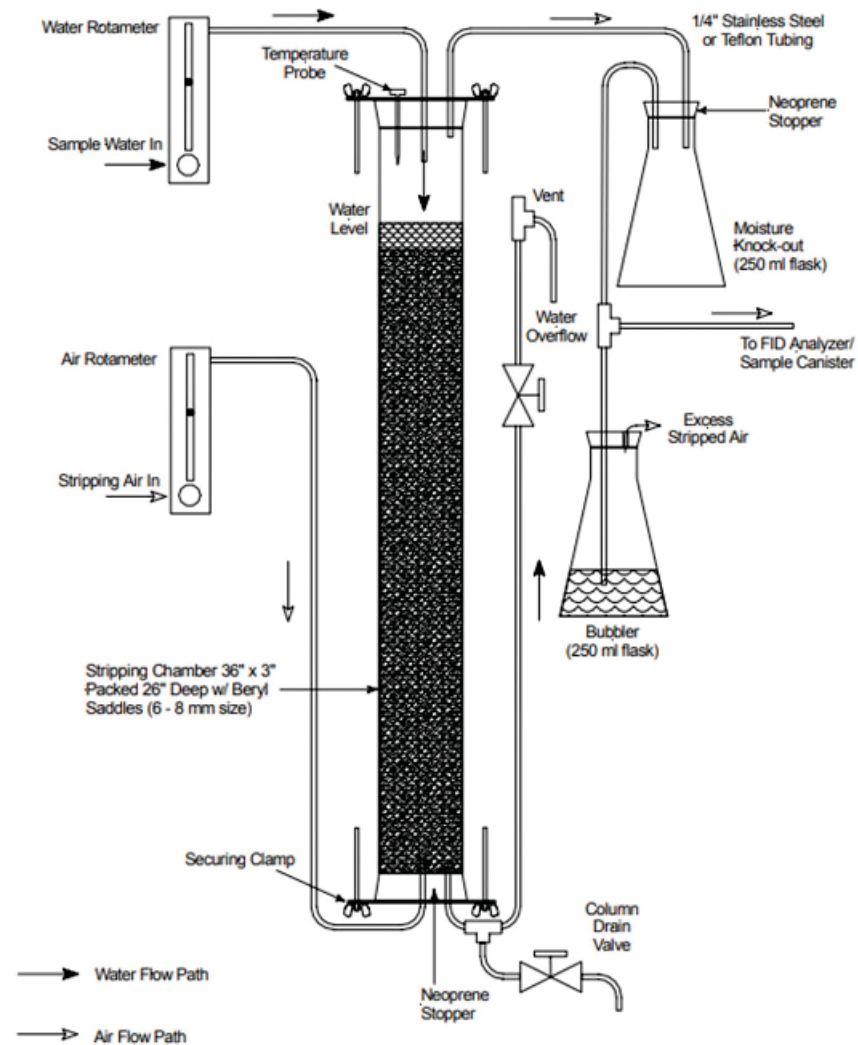
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Maintenance Venting Work Practice Standards	X	X	X	X

- Maintenance Venting:
  - The proposed work practice standards are similar to those found in MON.
  - Owners and operators may not release more than 1.0 tons of Ethylene Oxide from all maintenance vents combined per any consecutive 12-month period.
- Process Vents:
  - Removal of TRE.
  - Threshold for Group 1 Process Vents is proposed to be 1.0 pound per hour of total OHAP.

# Lesson Learned – Heat Exchange Systems Monitoring

- It was found that existing sample taps for individual heat exchangers or CWT risers do not generally meet the requirements of the Modified El Paso Method. Plan ahead!
- Determine who will be conducting the monitoring (facility personnel, LDAR contractor, or other contractor) and provide any necessary training.



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Heat Exchange Systems Updates	X	X	X	X

- As seen in other RTRs, EPA proposed that monitoring is to be conducted using the Modified El Paso Method.
- For HX Systems in Ethylene Oxide service, the proposed provisions require:
  - Weekly monitoring
  - A 15-day repair timeline
  - No allowance for delay of repair

# Lessons Learned – Storage Tank Amendments

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- New storage tank degassing provisions
  - Is a temporary control device needed?
  - New consideration for turnaround planning.
- Requirements are similar to the maintenance venting provisions.

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Storage Tank Degassing Requirements	---	X	X	X

- Degassing provisions proposed mimic those found in MON.
- Other pertinent notes:
  - Proposed updates to Group 1 thresholds (capacity and vapor pressure).
  - Proposed updates for IFR controls.

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- In Ethylene Oxide Service:
  - Applies to equipment leaks, process vents, storage tanks AND heat exchange systems and wastewater systems.
- Fenceline Monitoring Requirements:
  - 6 key chemicals
  - Threshold is “uses, stores, or emits”
  - Introduction of Method 327
- Miscellaneous:
  - New D/F limit for Group 1 halogenated streams



QUESTIONS?

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