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40 CFR Part 63.340 Chromium Electroplating and Anodizing Processes: Reporting Under the NESHAP

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The Federal National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) affects all facilities that use chromium electroplating or anodizing tanks, regardless of size. What your facility must do to comply with the NESHAP depends on the size of your operation, what type of process you use (hard, decorative, or anodizing), and what control technique you use.

This fact sheet provides a general overview of the federal reporting that chromium electroplating and anodizing operations must perform; state and local regulatory agencies may have additional requirements. Additional technical information is available by calling the Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP) at the toll-free number below for free and confidential help.

Reporting

The NESHAP requires you to submit various reports and notifications to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), including:

- initial notification
- notification of construction/reconstruction
- notification of performance test
- notification of compliance status
- ongoing compliance status reports
- reports associated with trivalent chromium baths

Deadlines

What you must submit and when depends on what kind of chromium electroplating or anodizing you are performing, and, in the case of decorative electroplating, what kind of bath you are using. The table on the reverse outlines the recent and upcoming deadlines for reporting. Many other deadlines have already passed, particularly for decorative chromium plating operations, which should have been in compliance since early 1996.

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Need more facts?

For technical assistance and for help with permitting, call the Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP) of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
(800) 780-7227

For information about regulations, compliance financing assistance, and assistance resolving regulatory difficulties, contact the Environmental Ombudsman Unit of Empire State Development
(800) 782-8369

Both offer free and confidential assistance to small businesses.

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The information in this fact sheet is intended for general reference only; it is not a full and complete statement of the technical or legal requirements associated with the regulation.

If you operate a decorative chromium electroplating operation, you should already have submitted an initial notification report, conducted a performance test and submitted the results (if required), and submitted a notification of compliance status. If your deadlines have passed, contact the SBAP immediately for assistance.

The SBAP can provide sample forms to use for all of these reporting requirements.

In addition, major sources (emitting 10 tons per year or more of chromium or 25 tons per year or more of a combination of hazardous air pollutants) must submit semiannual reports to DEC that contain information about the compliance status of the source. All other sources must complete a compliance status report each year and keep the report on site.

Reporting Deadlines for the NESHAP

Requirement	Date
<i>Hard Chromium Plating and Chromium Anodizing Tanks</i>	
Compliance deadline	1/25/97
Testing deadline	7/24/97
Notification of performance test	at least 60 days before test
Notification of compliance status	no more than 90 days after test or 2/24/97 if no test is required
Notification of test results	no more than 90 days after test