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\*\*Some of the regulatory summaries referenced from U.S. Northern Review publication.

## FEDERAL

### FINAL:

**DROUGHT RESILIENCE** In March, President Obama issued a memorandum and action plan intended to sustain and expand efforts to reduce the vulnerability of communities to the impacts of drought. The [memorandum](#) institutionalizes and empowers the [National Drought Resilience Partnership](#) to implement the [Long-Term Drought Resilience - Federal Action Plan](#) and to coordinate federal and regional drought planning activities.

### PROPOSED:

**RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION** USEPA issued a proposed rule to amend its Risk Management Program regulations ([81 FR 13637](#)) under the Clean Air Act (CAA). The proposed amendments include several changes to accident prevention program requirements including: (1) additional analysis of safer technology and alternatives for the process hazard analysis for some program processes; (2) third-party audits and incident investigation root cause analysis for some program processes; (3) enhancements to emergency preparedness requirements; (4) increased public availability of chemical hazard information; and (5) several other changes to regulatory definitions and data elements submitted in risk management plans. The proposed amendments seek to improve chemical process safety, assist local emergency authorities in planning for and responding to accidents, and improve public awareness of chemical hazards at regulated sources.

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**USEPA SEMIANNUAL REGULATORY AGENDA** USEPA has released its [Spring 2016 semiannual regulatory agenda \(81 FR 37373\)](#). The notice contains information about regulations in the semiannual regulatory agenda that are under development, completed, or canceled since the last agenda and plans for retrospective reviews of existing regulations. Among the agency's major CAA rulemakings: an overhaul of the agency's regional haze program; guidance on implementing its PM and ozone ambient air standards; and new regulations on interstate air pollution.

**USEPA RELEASES ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES** USEPA has released its [National Federal Facilities Compliance and Enforcement Program Agenda](#) for fiscal year (FY) 2016. Listed in the agenda as some of the agency's enforcement priority areas are climate change, drinking water, hazardous waste, and industrial stormwater. USEPA will continue the changes it made to the program for FY 2015, which included the adoption of a flexible program agenda and improved alignment of its various federal facility sector activities, such as its [annual commitment system obligations](#), [National Enforcement Initiatives](#), and other cross agency strategies and regional environmental enforcement priorities. USEPA will also continue its efforts on compliance monitoring, outreach, and cleanup/restoration.