

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY**
**40 CFR Parts 60 and 63**

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**Technical Correction: Extension of Deadlines: Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review Interim Final Rule; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Integrated Iron and Steel Manufacturing Facilities; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Coke Ovens: Pushing, Quenching, and Battery Stacks, and Coke Oven Batteries**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Interim final rule; notification of public hearing and extension of public comment period; technical correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is correcting a document that appeared in the **Federal Register** (FR) on August 15, 2025. The EPA finalized the document announcing three public hearings and comment period extensions for the following rules: Extension of Deadlines: Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review Interim Final Rule; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Integrated Iron and Steel Manufacturing Facilities; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Coke Ovens: Pushing, Quenching, and Battery Stacks, and Coke Oven Batteries. Following publication of this document, the EPA discovered inadvertent errors in the comment period extension dates for the Oil and Natural Gas and Iron and Steel rulemakings and is correcting them in this action.

**DATES:** Effective August 22, 2025.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Corrections**

In FR Doc. 2025-15614 appearing on page 39333 in the **Federal Register** of Friday, August 15, 2025, the following corrections are made:

1. On page 39333, in the second column, in the **SUMMARY** section, “October 1, 2025” is corrected to read “October 2, 2025”, and “October 2,

2025” is corrected to read “October 3, 2025”.

2. On page 39333, in the third column, in the **DATES** section, “October 1, 2025” is corrected to read “October 2, 2025”, and “October 2, 2025” is corrected to read “October 3, 2025”.

3. On page 39334, in the third column, in table 1, in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, “October 1, 2025” is corrected to read “October 2, 2025”, and “October 2, 2025” is corrected to read “October 3, 2025”.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Secretary**

**45 CFR Part 73, 73a, and 73b**

**RIN 0991-AC40**

**Standards of Conduct; Revocation of Superseded Regulations; Revision of Residual Provisions**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services (Department or HHS) is revising and reissuing the Standards of Conduct, a set of substantive and procedural rules relating to conduct and employee responsibilities that augment the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, the Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Supplemental Financial Disclosure Requirements for Employees of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Employee Responsibilities and Conduct Regulation, and the Executive Branch Financial Disclosure regulations. The Department is removing provisions that have been superseded by these regulations or are otherwise obsolete or unnecessary to efficient administration. This final rule addresses conduct on Federal Government (Government) property and the use of Government funds or official information; restates existing standards for workplace courtesy; specifies rules for acceptance of gifts, travel, and employment from foreign governments and other non-Federal entities; provides

notice of disciplinary actions available to address violations and prescribes the continuing employee obligation to report violations of rules or law to appropriate authorities. This revision adds a new section addressing Counter-Trafficking in Persons requirements in response to the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection

Reauthorization Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-348). The rule also continues and delineates restrictions on the political activity of commissioned officers of the United States Public Health Service, a category of employees not covered by the Hatch Act Reform Amendments of 1993, as amended.

**DATES:** This rule is effective October 21, 2025.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

This rule was first published in 1966, and was subsequently revised in 1981, 1986, and 1988. On August 7, 1992, the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) published the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, which are codified at 5 CFR part 2635. See 57 FR 35006 (August 7, 1992), as amended. The Standards serve as the primary regulatory guidance on the standards of ethical conduct for officers and employees of the executive branch of the Government. The OGE Standards became effective on February 3, 1993, thus superseding many, but not all, of the regulations in the Department Standards of Conduct (45 CFR part 73) and the Food and Drug Administration Supplement (45 CFR part 73a). Subsequently, on July 30, 1996, the Department and OGE jointly published the Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Health and Human Services (5 CFR part 5501). See 61 FR 39755-39767 (July 24, 1997). These Supplemental Standards became effective upon publication, thus superseding many, but not all, of the regulations in the Department Standards of Conduct and the Food and Drug Administration Supplement that had not been superseded already by the OGE Standards. Furthermore, certain provisions in the Department Standards of Conduct and the Food and Drug Administration Supplement pertaining to employee financial disclosure, conflict of interest exemptions, and related matters have been superseded by the OGE regulations on executive branch financial disclosure (5 CFR part 2634) and financial conflict of interest