Feature Story

**IRS finalizes employer fines for inadequate healthcare**

IRS published a final rule establishing a “shared responsibility” payment levied on employers whose full-time employees purchase Exchange insurance using federal subsidies. The shared responsibility payments will not be applicable in 2014.

**Rulemaking**

**NLRB re-proposes representation-case procedures rule**

NLRB published a proposal that would amend its rules governing employee representation petitions for purposes of collective bargaining with their employer. The rule was initially proposed and finalized in 2011, but was set aside by the district court on procedural grounds relating to the Board’s voting process.

**DOE finalizes efficiency standards for external power supplies**

DOE published a final rule setting energy efficiency standards for external power supplies that power consumer goods such as laptops and smart phones. DOE estimates the standards to incur a discounted $3.3 billion in costs and $8.6 billion in benefits.

**DOE finalizes energy efficiency standards for halide lamps**

DOE published a final rule setting more stringent energy efficiency standards for metal halide lamps. DOE expects its standards to result in between $988 million and $1.6 billion in net benefits.

**FDA finalizes good manufacturing practices for infant formula**

FDA published a final rule for infant formula establishing requirements for good manufacturing practices, audits, quality control procedures, and reporting requirements.

**DOE: Should energy efficiency rules for ovens be amended?**

DOE is determining whether to update its energy efficiency standards for conventional cooking products such as gas and electric ovens. DOE seeks comments on whether updated standards would be feasible and economically justified.

**EPA finalizes e-Manifest rule for hazardous waste reporting**

EPA published a final rule authorizing the use of electronic manifests (or e-Manifests) for tracking off-site shipments of hazardous waste.

**Agencies**

**EPA seeks public input on health impacts of climate change**

EPA is seeking comments on the draft interagency special report on the impacts of climate change on human health, as part of the President's Climate Action Plan.

**EPA releases memo on whether water rules apply to fracking**

EPA published a notice releasing an interpretive memorandum and technical recommendations for implementation of requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act for oil and gas fracking powered by diesel fuels.

**EPA releases draft review plan for primary NO2 NAAQS**

EPA announced the release of a draft review plan for the review of the air quality criteria for oxides of nitrogen and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for nitrogen dioxide (NO2). "The primary NO2 NAAQS provide for the protection of public health from exposure to oxides of nitrogen in ambient air."

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