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Effective December 30, 2013, parties may use the 2013 Phase I Environmental Site Assessment standard ASTM E1527-13 to satisfy the All Appropriate Inquiries Rule, according to the EPA. And while the agency has not yet removed references to the 2005 standard in the final rule, 78 Fed. Reg. 79319 (Dec. 30, 2013), EPA clarified that it intends to issue a proposed rule to remove the references to the 2005 standard.

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On November 25, 2013, EPA issued a new groundwater cleanup guidance document specifying the need for a well-by-well review when determining whether groundwater restoration remedial action is complete.

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EPA and OSHA continue to target companies that store and use the industrial refrigerant anhydrous ammonia as reflected in recent EPA Risk Management Plan (RMP) enforcement and OSHA enforcement of the Process Safety Management (PSM) regulations. Failures in the Mechanical Integrity requirements were prevalent in both enforcement cases

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