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§ 63.769 Equipment leak standards.

(a) This section applies to each storage vessel with the potential for flash emissions (as defined in §63.761) subject to this subpart.

(b) The owner or operator of a storage vessel with the potential for flash emissions (as defined in §63.761) shall comply with one of the control requirements specified in paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section.

(1) The owner or operator shall equip the affected storage vessel with the potential for flash emissions with a cover that is connected, through a closed-vent system that meets the conditions specified in §63.771(c), to a control device or a combination of control devices that meets any of the conditions specified in §63.771(d). The cover shall be designed and operated in accordance with the requirements of §63.771(b).

(2) The owner or operator of a pressure storage vessel that is designed to operate as a closed system shall operate the storage vessel with no detectable emissions at all times that material is in the storage vessel, except as provided for in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) One or more safety devices that vent directly to the atmosphere may be used on the storage vessel and air emission control equipment complying with paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section.

(d) This section does not apply to storage vessels for which the owner or operator is meeting the requirements specified in 40 CFR part 60, subpart Kb; or is meeting the requirements specified in 40 CFR part 63, subparts G or CC.

§§ 63.767–63.768 [Reserved]

§ 63.769 Equipment leak standards.

(a) This section applies to equipment subject to this subpart and specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section that is located at a natural gas processing plant and operates in VHAP service equal to or greater than 300 hours per calendar year.

(1) Ancillary equipment, as defined in §63.761; and

(2) Compressors.

(b) This section does not apply to ancillary equipment and compressors for which the owner or operator is meeting the requirements specified in subpart H of this part; or is meeting the requirements specified in 40 CFR part 60, subpart KKK.

(c) For each piece of ancillary equipment and each compressor subject to this section located at an existing or new source, the owner or operator shall meet the requirements specified in 40 CFR part 61, subpart V, §§ 61.241 through 61.247, except as specified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (8) of this section.

(1) Each pressure relief device in gas/vapor service shall be monitored quarterly and within 5 days after each pressure release to detect leaks, except under the following conditions.

(i) The owner or operator has obtained permission from the Administrator to use an alternative means of
§ 63.770 Emission limitation that achieves a reduction in emissions of VHAP at least equivalent to that achieved by the control required in this subpart.

(ii) The pressure relief device is located in a nonfractionating facility that is monitored only by non-facility personnel, it may be monitored after a pressure release the next time the monitoring personnel are on site, instead of within 5 days. Such a pressure relief device shall not be allowed to operate for more than 30 days after a pressure release without monitoring.

(2) For pressure relief devices, if an instrument reading of 10,000 parts per million or greater is measured, a leak is detected.

(3) For pressure relief devices, when a leak is detected, it shall be repaired as soon as practicable, but no later than 15 calendar days after it is detected, unless a delay in repair of equipment is granted under 40 CFR 61.242–10.

(4) Sampling connection systems are exempt from the requirements of 40 CFR 61.242–5.

(5) Pumps in VHAP service, valves in gas/vapor and light liquid service, and pressure relief devices in gas/vapor service that are located at a nonfractionating plant that does not have the design capacity to process 283,000 standard cubic meters per day or more of field gas are exempt from the routine monitoring requirements of 40 CFR 61.242–2(a)(1) and 61.242–7(a), and paragraphs (c)(1) through (3) of this section.

(6) Pumps in VHAP service, valves in gas/vapor and light liquid service, and pressure relief devices in gas/vapor service located within a natural gas processing plant that is located on the Alaskan North Slope are exempt from the routine monitoring requirements of 40 CFR 61.242–2(a)(1) and 61.242–7(a), and paragraphs (c)(1) through (3) of this section.

(7) Reciprocating compressors in wet gas service are exempt from the compressor control requirements of 40 CFR 61.242–3.

(8) Flares used to comply with this subpart shall comply with the requirements of §63.11(b).

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§ 63.770 [Reserved]

§ 63.771 Control equipment requirements.

(a) This section applies to each cover, closed-vent system, and control device installed and operated by the owner or operator to control air emissions as required by the provisions of this subpart. Compliance with paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section will be determined by review of the records required by §63.774 and the reports required by §63.775, by review of performance test results, and by inspections.

(b) Cover requirements. (1) The cover and all openings on the cover (e.g., access hatches, sampling ports, and gauge wells) shall be designed to form a continuous barrier over the entire surface area of the liquid in the storage vessel.

(2) Each cover opening shall be secured in a closed, sealed position (e.g., covered by a gasketed lid or cap) whenever material is in the unit on which the cover is installed except during those times when it is necessary to use an opening as follows:

(i) To add material to, or remove material from the unit (this includes openings necessary to equalize or balance the internal pressure of the unit following changes in the level of the material in the unit);

(ii) To inspect or sample the material in the unit;

(iii) To inspect, maintain, repair, or replace equipment located inside the unit; or

(iv) To vent liquids, gases, or fumes from the unit through a closed-vent system to a control device designed and operated in accordance with the requirements specified in paragraph (d) of this section.

(c) Closed-vent system requirements. (1) The closed-vent system shall route all gases, vapors, and fumes emitted from the material in a HAP emissions unit to a control device that meets the requirements specified in paragraph (d) of this section.

(2) The closed-vent system shall be designed and operated with no detectable emissions.

(3) If the closed-vent system contains one or more bypass devices that could be used to divert all or a portion of the