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§ 63.843 Emission limits for existing sources.

(a) Potlines. The owner or operator shall not discharge or cause to be discharged into the atmosphere any emissions of TF or POM in excess of the applicable limits in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section.

(1) TF limits. Emissions of TF shall not exceed:

(i) 0.95 kg/Mg (1.9 lb/ton) of aluminum produced for each CWPB1 potline;
(ii) 1.5 kg/Mg (3.0 lb/ton) of aluminum produced for each CWPB2 potline;
(iii) 1.25 kg/Mg (2.5 lb/ton) of aluminum produced for each CWPB3 potline;
(iv) 0.8 kg/Mg (1.6 lb/ton) of aluminum produced for each SWPB potline;
(v) 1.1 kg/Mg (2.2 lb/ton) of aluminum produced for each CWPB2 potline;
(vi) 1.25 kg/Mg (2.5 lb/ton) of aluminum produced for each CWPB3 potline;
(vii) 0.8 kg/Mg (1.6 lb/ton) of aluminum produced for each SWPB potline;

(b) POM limits. Emissions of POM shall not exceed:

(i) 2.35 kg/Mg (4.7 lb/ton) of aluminum produced for each HSS potline;
(ii) 1.5 kg/Mg (3.0 lb/ton) of aluminum produced for each VSS1 potline;
(iii) 2.85 kg/Mg (5.7 lb/ton) of aluminum produced for each VSS2 potline.

(3) Change in subcategory. Any potline, other than a reconstructed potline, that is changed such that its applicable subcategory also changes shall meet the applicable emission limit in this subpart for the original subcategory or the new subcategory, whichever is more stringent.

roof scrubber is not part of the primary control system.

Primary emissions means the emissions discharged from the primary control system.

Reconstructed potroom group means an existing potroom group for which the components are replaced to such an extent that the fixed capital cost of the new components exceeds 50 percent of the fixed capital cost that would be required to construct a comparable entirely new potroom group, and for which it is technologically and economically feasible to meet the applicable emission limits for total fluoride set forth in this subpart.

Reconstruction means the replacement of components of a source to such an extent that:

(1) All of the major components of the source are replaced (for example, the major components of a potline include the raw material handling system, reduction cells, superstructure, hooding, ductwork, etc.); and

(2) It is technologically and economically feasible for the reconstructed source to meet the standards for new sources established in this subpart.

Roof monitor means that portion of the roof of a potroom building where gases not captured at the cell exit from the potroom.

Secondary emissions means the fugitive emissions that are not captured and controlled by the primary control system and that escape through the roof monitor or through roof scrubbers.

Side-worked prebake (SWPB) process means a method of primary aluminum reduction using the prebake process, in which the alumina is added along the sides of the reduction cell.

Soderberg process means a method of primary aluminum reduction in which the anode paste mixture is baked in the reduction pot by the heat resulting from the electrolytic process.

Total fluorides (TF) means elemental fluorine and all fluoride compounds as measured by Methods 13A or 13B in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter or by an approved alternative method.

Vertical stud Soderberg (VSS) process means a method of primary aluminum reduction using the Soderberg process, in which the electrical current is introduced to the anode by steel rods (studs) inserted into the top of a monolithic anode.

Vertical stud Soderberg one (VSS1) means all existing vertical stud Soderberg potlines located either at Northwest Aluminum in The Dalles, Oregon, or at Goldendale Aluminum in Goldendale, Washington.

Vertical stud Soderberg two (VSS2) means all existing vertical stud Soderberg potlines located at Columbia Falls Aluminum in Columbia Falls, Montana.

§ 63.844 Emission limits for new or reconstructed sources.

(a) Potlines. The owner or operator shall not discharge or cause to be discharged into the atmosphere any emissions of TF or POM in excess of the limits in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section.

(1) **TF limit.** Emissions of TF shall not exceed 0.10 kg/Mg (0.20 lb/ton) of aluminum produced; and

(2) **POM limit.** Emissions of POM from Soderberg potlines shall not exceed 0.32 kg/Mg (0.63 lb/ton) of aluminum produced.

(b) Paste production plants. The owner or operator shall meet the requirements in §63.843(b) for existing paste production plants.

(c) Anode bake furnaces. The owner or operator shall not discharge or cause to be discharged into the atmosphere any emissions of TF or POM in excess of the limits in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section.

(1) **TF limit.** Emissions of TF shall not exceed 0.01 kg/Mg (0.02 lb/ton) of green anode; and

(2) **POM limit.** Emissions of POM shall not exceed 0.025 kg/Mg (0.05 lb/ton) of green anode.

§ 63.845 Incorporation of new source performance standards for potroom groups.

(a) **Applicability.** The provisions in paragraphs (a) through (i) of this section shall apply to any Soderberg, CWBPB2, and CWBPB3 potline that adds a new potroom group to an existing potline or that is associated with a potroom group that meets the definition of “modified potroom group” or “reconstructed potroom group.”

(1) The following shall not, by themselves, be considered to result in a potroom group modification:

(i) Maintenance, repair, and replacement that the applicable regulatory authority determines to be routine for the potroom group;

(ii) An increase in production rate of an existing potroom group, if that increase can be accomplished without a capital expenditure on that potroom group;

(iii) An increase in the hours of operation;

(iv) Use of an alternative fuel or raw material if, prior to the effective date of this subpart, the existing potroom group was designed to accommodate that alternative use;

(v) The addition or use of any system or device whose primary function is the