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assistance for purposes of section 311 of the Act.

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Subpart M—Voluntary In-Use Testing

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§ 90.1201 Applicability.

The provisions of this subpart from § 90.1201 through § 90.1249 are applicable to all handheld and nonhandheld Phase 2 engines subject to the provisions of subpart A of this part.

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§ 90.1202 Definitions.

For the purposes of this subpart, except as otherwise provided, the definitions in subparts A and C of this part apply to this subpart.

§ 90.1203 Voluntary Manufacturer In-Use Testing Program.

(a) Manufacturers may elect to participate in the voluntary in-use testing program by notifying the Administrator in writing of their intent to conduct emissions testing on in-use engines prior to the beginning of each model year. The notification must include a list of engine families the manufacturer has selected to include in the testing program.

(b) Each engine family included in the voluntary in-use testing program is exempted from the Production Line Testing requirements according to § 90.701(c) for two model years, the current model year and the subsequent model year. Manufacturers may only include up to twenty percent of their eligible engine families in this in-use testing program each model year.

(c) The manufacturer must randomly select or procure a minimum of three engines, from each family included in the voluntary program, for emissions testing. These three engines may be selected or procured from:

- (1) Existing consumer or independently owned fleets,
- (2) Existing manufacturer owned fleets, or

(3) The production line and placed into either manufacturer or consumer owned fleets. Although a minimum of three engines must be emissions tested from each engine family in this testing program, a manufacturer may elect to emissions test more than three engines per family.

(d) The manufacturer or the manufacturer's designee must:

(1) Age the selected engines in equipment representing the top 50 percent, by production, of available equipment for the engine family.

(2) Age the selected engines to at least 75 percent of each engines' useful life as determined pursuant to § 90.105.

(3) Age the engine/equipment combination in actual field conditions encountered with typical use of the equipment as described in the owner's manual or other literature sold with the equipment or engine.

(e) Documents obtained in the procurement or aging process must be maintained as required in § 90.121.

(f) The manufacturer must complete testing within three calendar years from the time they notified the Administrator of their intent to participate in the voluntary in-use testing program, unless otherwise approved by the Administrator; the Administrator will give such approval upon acceptance of documentation demonstrating that appropriate in-use testing will take a longer period of time.

§ 90.1204 Maintenance, aging and testing of engines.

(a) Prior to aging the engines and after appropriate stabilization, manufacturers may optionally conduct emissions testing on the engines, according to the test procedures described in subpart E of this part. These tests to serve as baseline references.

(b) Manufacturers must obtain information regarding the accumulated usage, maintenance, operating conditions, and storage of the test engines.

(1) The manufacturer may take reasonable measures to assure that the engines and equipment were properly used and maintained during the field aging process, but additional maintenance to that indicated in the owners manual or other literature sold with the equipment or engine is prohibited.

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(2) Unless otherwise approved by the Administrator, once a manufacturer begins aging and/or testing an engine, the manufacturer may not remove that engine from the selected sample unless that engine experiences catastrophic mechanical failure or safety concerns requiring major engine repair.

(c) The manufacturer may perform minimal set-to-spec maintenance on components of a test engine that are not subject to parameter adjustment. Components subject to parameter adjustment must be sealed and tamperproof and may not be adjusted for testing. Unless otherwise approved by the Administrator, maintenance to any test engine may include only that which is listed in the owner's instructions for engines with the amount of service and age of the test engine.

(d) After aging each engine to at least 75 percent of the engine's useful life as determined pursuant to §90.105, at least one valid emission test, according to the test procedure outlined in subpart E of this part, is required for each test engine. Data from other emission testing or performance testing performed on a test engine must be supplied to EPA, and may not be used for the purpose of determining the need for maintenance on an engine.

(e) Documents obtained in the procurement, aging, maintenance, or testing process must be maintained as required in §90.121.

§90.1205 In-use test program reporting requirements.

(a) The manufacturer shall submit to the Administrator within ninety (90) days of completion of testing for a given model year's engines, all emission testing results generated from the voluntary in-use testing program. The following information must be reported for each test engine:

- (1) Engine family;
- (2) Model;
- (3) Application;
- (4) Engine serial number;
- (5) Date of manufacture;
- (6) Hours of use;
- (7) Date and time of each test attempt;

(8) Results (if any) of each test attempt;

(9) Schedules, descriptions and justifications of all maintenance and/or adjustments performed;

(10) Schedules, descriptions and justifications of all modifications and/or repairs; and

(11) A listing of any test engines that were deleted from the aging process or testing process and technical justifications to support the deletion.

(b) All testing reports and requests for approvals made under this subpart shall be addressed to: Manager, Engine Compliance Programs Group (6403-J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460.

§ 90.1206 [Reserved]

§ 90.1207 Entry and access.

(a) To allow the Administrator to determine whether a manufacturer is complying with the provisions under this subpart, EPA enforcement officers or their authorized representatives, upon presentation of credentials, shall be permitted entry, during operating hours, into any of the following places:

(1) Any facility where engines undergo or are undergoing aging, maintenance, repair, preparation for aging, selection for aging or emission testing.

(2) Any facility where records or documents related to any of activities described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section are kept.

(3) Any facility where any engine that is being tested or aged, was tested or aged or will be tested or aged is present.

(b) Upon admission to any facility referred to in paragraph (a) of this section, EPA enforcement officers or EPA authorized representatives are authorized to perform those activities set forth in §90.705 (b) and also to inspect and make copies of records related to engine aging (service accumulation) and maintenance.

(c) The provisions of §90.705(c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) also apply to entry and access under this subpart.