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§§ 60.4160 through 60.4162 by the allowance transfer deadline for the control period; and

(3) Are not necessary for deductions for excess emissions for a prior control period under paragraph (d) of this section.

(b) *Deductions for compliance.* Following the recordation, in accordance with §§ 60.4160 through 60.4162, of Hg allowance transfers submitted for recordation in a source's compliance account by the allowance transfer deadline for a control period, the Administrator will deduct from the compliance account Hg allowances available under paragraph (a) of this section in order to determine whether the source meets the Hg Budget emissions limitation for the control period, as follows:

(1) Until the amount of Hg allowances deducted equals the number of ounces of total Hg emissions, determined in accordance with §§ 60.4170 through 60.4176, from all Hg Budget units at the source for the control period; or

(2) If there are insufficient Hg allowances to complete the deductions in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, until no more Hg allowances available under paragraph (a) of this section remain in the compliance account.

(c)(1) *Identification of Hg allowances by serial number.* The Hg authorized account representative for a source's compliance account may request that specific Hg allowances, identified by serial number, in the compliance account be deducted for emissions or excess emissions for a control period in accordance with paragraph (b) or (d) of this section. Such request shall be submitted to the Administrator by the allowance transfer deadline for the control period and include, in a format prescribed by the Administrator, the identification of the Hg Budget source and the appropriate serial numbers.

(2) *First-in, first-out.* The Administrator will deduct Hg allowances under paragraph (b) or (d) of this section from the source's compliance account, in the absence of an identification or in the case of a partial identification of Hg allowances by serial number under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) accounting basis in the following order:

(i) Any Hg allowances that were allocated to the units at the source, in the order of recordation; and then

(ii) Any Hg allowances that were allocated to any unit and transferred and recorded in the compliance account pursuant to §§ 60.4160 through 60.4162, in the order of recordation.

(d) *Deductions for excess emissions.* (1) After making the deductions for compliance under paragraph (b) of this section for a control period in a calendar year in which the Hg Budget source has excess emissions, the Administrator will deduct from the source's compliance account an amount of Hg allowances, allocated for the control period in the immediately following calendar year, equal to 3 times the number of ounces of the source's excess emissions.

(2) Any allowance deduction required under paragraph (d)(1) of this section shall not affect the liability of the owners and operators of the Hg Budget source or the Hg Budget units at the source for any fine, penalty, or assessment, or their obligation to comply with any other remedy, for the same violation, as ordered under the Clean Air Act or applicable State law.

(e) *Recordation of deductions.* The Administrator will record in the appropriate compliance account all deductions from such an account under paragraph (b) or (d) of this section.

(f) *Administrator's action on submissions.* (1) The Administrator may review and conduct independent audits concerning any submission under the Hg Budget Trading Program and make appropriate adjustments of the information in the submissions.

(2) The Administrator may deduct Hg allowances from or transfer Hg allowances to a source's compliance account based on the information in the submissions, as adjusted under paragraph (f)(1) of this section.

§ 60.4155 Banking.

(a) Hg allowances may be banked for future use or transfer in a compliance account or a general account in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.

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(b) Any Hg allowance that is held in a compliance account or a general account will remain in such account unless and until the Hg allowance is deducted or transferred under § 60.4154, § 60.4156, or §§ 60.4160 through 60.4162.

§ 60.4156 Account error.

The Administrator may, at his or her sole discretion and on his or her own motion, correct any error in any Hg Allowance Tracking System account. Within 10 business days of making such correction, the Administrator will notify the Hg authorized account representative for the account.

§ 60.4157 Closing of general accounts.

(a) The Hg authorized account representative of a general account may submit to the Administrator a request to close the account, which shall include a correctly submitted allowance transfer under § 60.4160 through 60.4162 for any Hg allowances in the account to one or more other Hg Allowance Tracking System accounts.

(b) If a general account has no allowance transfers in or out of the account for a 12-month period or longer and does not contain any Hg allowances, the Administrator may notify the Hg authorized account representative for the account that the account will be closed following 20 business days after the notice is sent. The account will be closed after the 20-day period unless, before the end of the 20-day period, the Administrator receives a correctly submitted transfer of Hg allowances into the account under § 60.4160 through 60.4162 or a statement submitted by the Hg authorized account representative demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Administrator good cause as to why the account should not be closed.

HG ALLOWANCE TRANSFERS

§ 60.4160 Submission of Hg allowance transfers.

An Hg authorized account representative seeking recordation of a Hg allowance transfer shall submit the transfer to the Administrator. To be considered correctly submitted, the Hg allowance transfer shall include the following elements, in a format specified by the Administrator:

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(a) The account numbers for both the transferor and transferee accounts;

(b) The serial number of each Hg allowance that is in the transferor account and is to be transferred; and

(c) The name and signature of the Hg authorized account representative of the transferor account and the date signed.

§ 60.4161 EPA recordation.

(a) Within 5 business days (except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section) of receiving a Hg allowance transfer, the Administrator will record a Hg allowance transfer by moving each Hg allowance from the transferor account to the transferee account as specified by the request, provided that:

(1) The transfer is correctly submitted under § 60.4160; and

(2) The transferor account includes each Hg allowance identified by serial number in the transfer.

(b) A Hg allowance transfer that is submitted for recordation after the allowance transfer deadline for a control period and that includes any Hg allowances allocated for any control period before such allowance transfer deadline will not be recorded until after the Administrator completes the deductions under § 60.4154 for the control period immediately before such allowance transfer deadline.

(c) Where a Hg allowance transfer submitted for recordation fails to meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, the Administrator will not record such transfer.

§ 60.4162 Notification.

(a) *Notification of recordation.* Within 5 business days of recordation of a Hg allowance transfer under § 60.4161, the Administrator will notify the Hg authorized account representatives of both the transferor and transferee accounts.

(b) *Notification of non-recordation.* Within 10 business days of receipt of a Hg allowance transfer that fails to meet the requirements of § 60.4161(a), the Administrator will notify the Hg authorized account representatives of both accounts subject to the transfer of:

(1) A decision not to record the transfer, and