§ 61.243–2 Alternative standards for valves in VHAP service—skip period leak detection and repair.

(a)(1) An owner or operator may elect for all valves within a process unit to comply with one of the alternative work practices specified in paragraphs (b)(2) and (3) of this section.

(2) An owner or operator must notify the Administrator before implementing one of the alternative work practices, as specified in §61.247(d).

(b)(1) An owner or operator shall comply initially with the requirements for valves, as described in §61.242–7.

(2) After 2 consecutive quarterly leak detection periods with the percentage of valves leaking equal to or less than 2.0, an owner or operator may begin to skip one of the quarterly leak detection periods for the valves in VHAP service.

(3) After five consecutive quarterly leak detection periods with the percentage of valves leaking equal to or less than 2.0, an owner or operator may begin to skip three of the quarterly leak detection periods for the valves in VHAP service.

(4) If the percentage of valves leaking is greater than 2.0, the owner or operator shall comply with the requirements as described in §61.242–7 but may again elect to use this section.