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§ 63.302 Standards for by-product coke oven batteries.

(a) Except as provided in §63.304 or §63.305, on and after the dates specified in this paragraph, no owner or operator shall cause to be discharged or allow to be discharged to the atmosphere, coke oven emissions from each affected existing by-product coke oven battery.

New shed means a shed for which construction commenced after September 15, 1992. The shed at Bethlehem Steel Corporation’s Bethlehem plant on Battery A is deemed not to be a new shed.

Nonrecovery coke oven battery means a source consisting of a group of ovens connected by common walls and operated as a unit, where coal undergoes destructive distillation under negative pressure to produce coke, and which is designed for the combustion of the coke oven gas from which by-products are not recovered.

Offtake system means any individual oven apparatus that is stationary and provides a passage for gases from an oven to a coke oven battery collecting main or to another oven. Offtake system components include the standpipe and standpipe caps, goosenecks, stationary jumper pipes, mini-standpipes, and standpipe and gooseneck connections.

Oven means a chamber in the coke oven battery in which coal undergoes destructive distillation to produce coke.

Padup rebuild means a coke oven battery that is a complete reconstruction of an existing coke oven battery on the same site and pad without an increase in the design capacity of the coke plant as of November 15, 1990 (including any capacity qualifying under §63.304(b)(6), and the capacity of any coke oven battery subject to a construction permit on November 15, 1990, which commenced operation before October 27, 1993. The Administrator may determine that a project is a padup rebuild if it effectively constitutes a replacement of the battery above the pad, even if some portion of the brickwork above the pad is retained.

Pushing, for the purposes of §63.305, means that coke oven operation that commences when the pushing ram starts into the oven to push out coke that has completed the coking cycle and ends when the quench car is clear of the coke side shed.

Run means the observation of visible emissions from topside port lids, offtake systems, coke oven doors, or the charging of a coke oven that is made in accordance with and is valid under Methods 303 or 303A in appendix A to this part.

Shed means a structure for capturing coke oven emissions on the coke side or pusher side of the coke oven battery, which routes the emissions to a control device or system.

Short coke oven battery means a coke oven battery with ovens less than 6 meters (20 feet) in height.

Shutdown means the operation that commences when pushing has occurred on the first oven with the intent of pushing the coke out of all of the ovens in a coke oven battery without adding coal, and ends when all of the ovens of a coke oven battery are empty of coal or coke.

Standpipe cap means an apparatus used to cover the opening in the gooseneck of an offtake system.

Startup means that operation that commences when the coal begins to be added to the first oven of a coke oven battery that either is being started for the first time or that is being restarted and ends when the doors have been adjusted for maximum leak reduction and the collecting main pressure control has been stabilized. Except for the first startup of a coke oven battery, a startup cannot occur unless a shutdown has occurred.

Tall coke oven battery means a coke oven battery with ovens 6 meters (20 feet) or more in height.

Temporary seal means any measure, including but not limited to, application of luting or packing material, to stop a collecting main leak until the leak is repaired.

Topside port lid means a cover, removed during charging or decarbonizing, that is placed over the opening through which coal can be charged into the oven of a by-product coke oven battery.

that exceed any of the following emission limitations or requirements:

(1) On and after December 31, 1995:
   (i) For coke oven doors:
      (A) 6.0 percent leaking coke oven doors for each tall by-product coke oven battery, as determined according to the procedures in §63.309(d)(1); and
      (B) 5.5 percent leaking coke oven doors for each short by-product coke oven battery, as determined according to the procedures in §63.309(d)(1);
   (ii) 0.6 percent leaking topside port lids, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1);
   (iii) 3.0 percent leaking offtake system(s), as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1); and
   (iv) 12 seconds of visible emissions per charge, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(2).

(2) On and after January 1, 2003, unless the Administrator promulgates more stringent limits pursuant to section 112(f) of the Act:
   (i) 5.5 percent leaking coke oven doors for each tall by-product coke oven battery, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1); and
   (ii) 5.0 percent leaking coke oven doors for each short by-product coke oven battery, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1).

(3) On and after July 14, 2005:
   (i) 4.0 percent leaking coke oven doors for each tall by-product coke oven battery and for each by-product coke oven battery owned or operated by a foundry coke producer, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1);
   (ii) 3.3 percent leaking coke oven doors for each by-product coke oven battery not subject to the emission limitation in paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1);
   (iii) 0.4 percent leaking topside port lids, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1);
   (iv) 2.5 percent leaking offtake system(s), as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1); and
   (v) 12 seconds of visible emissions per charge, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(2).

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, no owner or operator shall cause to be discharged or allow to be discharged to the atmosphere, coke oven emissions from a by-product coke oven battery subject to the applicability requirements in §63.300(b) that exceed any of the following emission limitations:

(1) 0.0 percent leaking coke oven doors, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1);
(2) 0.0 percent leaking topside port lids, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1);
(3) 0.0 percent leaking offtake system(s), as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1); and
(4) 34 seconds of visible emissions per charge, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(2).

(c) The emission limitations in paragraph (b) of this section do not apply to the owner or operator of a by-product coke oven battery that utilizes a new recovery technology, including but not limited to larger size ovens, operation under negative pressure, and processes with emission points different from those regulated under this subpart. An owner or operator constructing a new by-product coke oven battery or reconstructing an existing by-product recovery battery that utilizes a new recovery technology shall:
   (1) Notify the Administrator of the intention to do so, as required in §63.311(c); and
   (2) Submit, for the determination under section 112(g)(2)(B) of the Act, and as part of the application for permission to construct or reconstruct, all information and data requested by the Administrator for the determination of applicable emission limitations and requirements for that by-product coke oven battery.

(d) Emission limitations and requirements applied to each coke oven battery utilizing a new recovery technology shall be less than the following emission limitations or shall result in an overall annual emissions rate for coke oven emissions for the battery that is lower than that obtained by the following emission limitations:

(1) 4.0 percent leaking coke oven doors on tall by-product coke oven batteries, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1);
(2) 3.3 percent leaking coke oven doors on short by-product coke oven...
batteries, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1):

(3) 2.5 percent leaking offtake system(s), as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1);

(4) 0.4 percent leaking topside port lids, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d); and

(5) 12 seconds of visible emissions per charge, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(2).

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§ 63.303 Standards for nonrecovery coke oven batteries.

(a) Except as provided in §63.304, on and after December 31, 1995, no owner or operator shall cause to be discharged or allow to be discharged to the atmosphere coke oven emissions from each affected existing non-recovery coke oven battery that exceed any of the following emission limitations or requirements:

(1) For coke oven doors;

(i) 0.0 percent leaking coke oven doors, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1); or

(ii) The owner or operator shall monitor and record, once per day for each day of operation, the pressure in each oven or in a common battery tunnel to ensure that the ovens are operated under a negative pressure.

(2) For charging operations, the owner or operator shall implement, for each day of operation, the work practices specified in §63.306(b)(6) and record the performance of the work practices as required in §63.306(b)(7).

(b) No owner or operator shall cause to be discharged or allow to be discharged to the atmosphere coke oven emissions from each affected new non-recovery coke oven battery subject to the applicability requirements in §63.300(b) that exceed any of the following emission limitations or requirements:

(1) For coke oven doors;

(i) 0.0 percent leaking coke oven doors, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1); or

(ii) The owner or operator shall monitor and record, once per day for each day of operation, the pressure in each oven or in a common battery tunnel to ensure that the ovens are operated under a negative pressure;

(2) For charging operations, the owner or operator shall install, operate, and maintain an emission control system for the capture and collection of emissions in a manner consistent with good air pollution control practices for minimizing emissions from the charging operation;

(3) For charging operations, the owner or operator shall implement, for each day of operation, the work practices specified in §63.306(b)(6) and record the performance of the work practices as required in §63.306(b)(7).

(4) 0.0 percent leaking topside port lids, as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1) (if applicable to the new nonrecovery coke oven battery); and

(5) 0.0 percent leaking offtake system(s), as determined by the procedures in §63.309(d)(1) (if applicable to the new nonrecovery coke oven battery).

(c) Except as provided in §63.304, the owner or operator of any nonrecovery coke oven battery shall meet the work practice standards in paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section.

(1) The owner or operator shall observe each coke oven door after charging and record the oven number of any door from which visible emissions occur. Emissions from coal spilled during charging or from material trapped within the seal area of the door are not considered to be a door leak if the owner or operator demonstrates that the oven is under negative pressure, and that no emissions are visible from the top of the door or from dampers on the door.

(2) Except as provided in paragraphs (c)(2)(i) and (ii) of this section, if a coke oven door leak is observed at any time during the coking cycle, the owner or operator shall take corrective action and stop the leak within 15 minutes from the time the leak is first observed. No additional leaks are allowed from doors on that oven for the remainder of that oven’s coking cycle.

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section, the owner or operator may take corrective action and stop the leak within 45 minutes (instead of 15 minutes) from the time