§ 86.1701–99 General applicability.

(a) The provisions of this subpart may be adopted by vehicle manufacturers pursuant to the provisions specified in §86.1705. The provisions of this subpart are generally applicable to 1999 and later model year light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks to be sold in the Northeast Trading Region, and 2001 and later model year light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks to be sold in the United States. In cases where a provision applies only to certain vehicles based on model year, vehicle class, motor fuel, engine type, vehicle emission category, intended sales destination, or other distinguishing characteristics, such limited applicability is cited in the appropriate section or paragraph. The provisions of this subpart shall be referred to as the “National Low Emission Vehicle Program” or “National LEV” or “NLEV.”

(b) All requirements of 40 CFR parts 85 and 86, unless specifically superseded by the provisions of this subpart, shall apply to vehicles under the National LEV Program. Compliance with the provisions of this subpart will be deemed compliance with some of the requirements of 40 CFR parts 85 and 86, as set forth elsewhere in this subpart.

(c) The requirements of this subpart apply to new vehicles manufactured by covered manufacturers through model year 2003. In addition, the requirements of this subpart apply to new vehicles manufactured by covered manufacturers for model years prior to the first model year for which a mandatory federal exhaust emissions program for light-duty vehicles and light light-duty trucks is at least as stringent as the National LEV program with respect to NMHC, NOX, and CO exhaust emissions, as determined by the Administrator, provided that such a program is promulgated no later than December 15, 2000, and is effective no later than model year 2006.

(d) Adoption of the National LEV program does not impose gasoline or other in-use fuel requirements and is not intended to require any new federal or state regulation of fuels. Vehicles under National LEV will be able to operate on any fuels, including conventional gasoline, that, in the absence of the National LEV program, could be sold under federal or state law.

(e) References in this subpart to engine families and emission control systems shall be deemed to refer to durability groups and test groups as applicable for manufacturers certifying new light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks under the provisions of subpart S of this part.

(f) The provisions of this subpart are not applicable to 2004 or later model year vehicles, except where specific references to provisions of this subpart are made in conjunction with provisions applicable to such vehicles.


§ 86.1702–99 Definitions.

(a) The definitions in subpart A of this part apply to this subpart, except where the same term is defined differently in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The following definitions shall apply to this subpart:

Advanced technology vehicle (ATV) means any light-duty vehicle or light light-duty truck that is covered by a federal certificate of conformity or an Executive Order, as defined in §86.1002, which is either:

(1) A dual fuel, flexible fuel, or dedicated alternatively fueled vehicle certified as a TLEV or more stringent when operated on the alternative fuel;

(2) A ULEV or Inherently Low-Emission Vehicle (ILEV), as defined in 40 CFR §88.302, either conventionally or alternatively fueled;

(3) An HEV or ZEV.

Alcohol fuel means either methanol or ethanol as those terms are defined in this subpart.

All-electric range test means a test sequence used to determine the range of...