§ 98.164 Monitoring and QA/QC requirements.

The GHG emissions data for hydrogen production process units must be quality-assured as specified in paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section, as appropriate for each process unit:

(a) If a CEMS is used to measure GHG emissions, then the facility must comply with the monitoring and QA/QC procedures specified in §98.34(c).

(b) If a CEMS is not used to measure GHG emissions, then you must:

(1) Calibrate all oil and gas flow meters that are used to measure liquid and gaseous feedstock volumes (except for gas billing meters) according to the monitoring and QA/QC requirements for the Tier 3 methodology in §98.34(b)(1). Perform oil tank drop measurements (if used to quantify liquid fuel or feedstock consumption) according to §98.34(b)(2). Calibrate all solids weighing equipment according to the procedures in §98.3(i).

(2) Determine the carbon content and the molecular weight annually of standard gaseous hydrocarbon fuels and feedstocks having consistent composition (e.g., natural gas). For other gaseous fuels and feedstocks (e.g., biogas, refinery gas, or process gas), sample and analyze no less frequently than weekly to determine the carbon content and molecular weight of the fuel and feedstock.

(3) Determine the carbon content of fuel oil, naphtha, and other liquid fuels and feedstocks at least monthly, except annually for standard liquid hydrocarbon fuels and feedstocks having consistent composition, or upon delivery for solid fuels delivered by bulk transport (e.g., by truck or rail).

(4) Determine the carbon content of coal, coke, and other solid fuels and feedstocks at least monthly, except annually for standard solid hydrocarbon fuels and feedstocks having consistent composition, or upon delivery for solid fuels delivered by bulk transport (e.g., by truck or rail).

(5) You must use the following applicable methods to determine the carbon content for all fuels and feedstocks, and molecular weight of gaseous fuels and feedstocks. Alternatively, you may use the results of continuous chromatographic analysis of the fuel and feedstock, provided that the gas chromatograph (GC) is operated, maintained, and calibrated according to the manufacturer’s instructions; and the methods used for operation, maintenance, and calibration of the GC are documented in the written monitoring plan for the unit under §98.3(g)(5).

(i) ASTM D1945–03 Standard Test Method for Analysis of Natural Gas by Gas Chromatography (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).

(ii) ASTM D1946–90 (Reapproved 2006), Standard Practice for Analysis of Reformed Gas by Gas Chromatography (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).

(iii) ASTM D2013–07 Standard Practice of Preparing Coal Samples for Analysis (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).

(iv) ASTM D2234/D2234M–07 Standard Practice for Collection of a Gross Sample of Coal (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).


(vi) ASTM D3176–89 (Reapproved 2002), Standard Practice for Ultimate Analysis of Coal and Coke (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).

(vii) ASTM D2334/D2334M–07 Standard Practice for Collection of a Gross Sample of Coal (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).

(viii) ASTM D4057–06 Standard Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum
and Petroleum Products (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).


(xi) ASTM D5373–08 Standard Test Methods for Instrumental Determination of Carbon, Hydrogen, and Nitrogen in Laboratory Samples of Coal (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).

(xii) ASTM D6099–08 Standard Guide for Part-Stream Sampling of Coal (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).

(xiii) ASTM D6883–04 Standard Practice for Manual Sampling of Stationary Coal from Railroad Cars, Barges, Trucks, or Stockpiles (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).

(xiv) ASTM D7430–08ae1 Standard Practice for Mechanical Sampling of Coal (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).

(xv) ASTM UOP539–97 Refinery Gas Analysis by Gas Chromatography (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).

(xvi) GPA 2261–00 Analysis for Natural Gas and Similar Gaseous Mixtures by Gas Chromatography (incorporated by reference, see §98.7).


(c) For units using the calculation methodologies described in this section, the records required under §98.3(g) must include both the company records and a detailed explanation of how company records are used to estimate the following:

1. Fuel and feedstock consumption, when solid fuel and feedstock is combusted and a CEMS is not used to measure GHG emissions.

2. Fossil fuel consumption, when, pursuant to §98.33(e), the owner or operator of a unit that uses CEMS to quantify CO₂ emissions and that combusts both fossil and biogenic fuels separately reports the biogenic portion of the total annual CO₂ emissions.

3. Sorbent usage, if the methodology in §98.33(d) is used to calculate CO₂ emissions from sorbent.

(d) The owner or operator must document the procedures used to ensure the accuracy of the estimates of fuel and feedstock usage and sorbent usage (as applicable) in paragraph (b) of this section, including, but not limited to, calibration of weighing equipment, fuel and feedstock flow meters, and other measurement devices. The estimated accuracy of measurements made with these devices must also be recorded, and the technical basis for these estimates must be provided.


§98.165 Procedures for estimating missing data.

A complete record of all measured parameters used in the GHG emissions calculations is required. Therefore, whenever a quality-assured value of a required parameter is unavailable (e.g., if a meter malfunctions during unit operation), a substitute data value for the missing parameter must be used in the calculations as specified in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section:

(a) For each missing value of the monthly fuel and feedstock consumption, the substitute data value must be the best available estimate of the fuel and feedstock consumption, based on all available process data (e.g., hydrogen production, electrical load, and operating hours). You must document and keep records of the procedures used for all such estimates.

(b) For each missing value of the carbon content or molecular weight of the fuel and feedstock, the substitute data value must be the arithmetic average of the quality-assured values of carbon contents or molecular weight of the fuel and feedstock immediately preceding and immediately following the missing data incident. If no quality-assured data on carbon contents or molecular weight of the fuel and feedstock are available prior to the missing data incident, the substitute data value must be the first quality-assured value for carbon contents or molecular weight of the fuel and feedstock immediately following the missing data incident.