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and good air pollution control practices; and
(vii) All of the actions in response to the violation were documented by properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs; and
(viii) At all times, the affected source was operated in a manner consistent with good practices for minimizing emissions; and
(ix) A written root cause analysis has been prepared, the purpose of which is to determine, correct, and eliminate the primary causes of the malfunction and the violation resulting from the malfunction event at issue. The analysis shall also specify, using best monitoring methods and engineering judgment, the amount of any emissions that were the result of the malfunction.

(2) Report. The owner or operator seeking to assert an affirmative defense shall submit a written report to the Administrator, with all necessary supporting documentation, that explains how it has met the requirements set forth in paragraph (i)(1) of this section. This affirmative defense report shall be included in the first periodic compliance report, deviation report, or excess emission report otherwise required after the initial occurrence of the violation of the relevant standard (which may be the end of any applicable averaging period). If such compliance, deviation report or excess emission report otherwise required after the initial occurrence of the violation, the affirmative defense report may be included in the second compliance, deviation report or excess emission report due after the initial occurrence of the violation of the relevant standard.


§ 63.1423 Implementation and enforcement.

(a) This subpart can be implemented and enforced by the U.S. EPA, or a delegated authority such as the applicable State, local, or Tribal agency. If the U.S. EPA Administrator has delegated authority to a State, local, or Tribal agency, then that agency, in addition to the U.S. EPA, has the authority to implement and enforce this subpart. Contact the applicable U.S. EPA Regional Office to find out if this subpart is delegated to a State, local, or Tribal agency.

(b) In delegating implementation and enforcement authority of this subpart to a State, local, or Tribal agency under subpart E of this part, the authorities contained in paragraph (c) of this section are retained by the Administrator of U.S. EPA and cannot be transferred to the State, local, or Tribal agency.

(c) The authorities that cannot be delegated to State, local, or Tribal agencies are as specified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (4) of this section.

(1) Approval of alternatives to the requirements in §§ 63.1420, 63.1422, 63.1424 through 63.1428, and 63.1432 through 63.1436. Where these standards reference another subpart, the cited provisions will be delegated according to the delegation provisions of the referenced subpart. Where these standards reference another subpart and modify the requirements, the requirements shall be modified as described in this subpart. Delegation of the modified requirements will also occur according to the delegation provisions of the referenced subpart.

(2) Approval of major alternatives to test methods under §63.7(e)(2)(ii) and (f), as defined in §63.90, and as required in this subpart.

(3) Approval of major alternatives to monitoring under §63.8(f), as defined in §63.90, and as required in this subpart.

(4) Approval of major alternatives to recordkeeping and reporting under §63.10(f), as defined in §63.90, and as required in this subpart.

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§ 63.1424 Compliance dates and relationship of this rule to existing applicable rules.

(a) [Reserved]

(b) New affected sources that commence construction or reconstruction after September 4, 1997 shall be in compliance with this subpart (except §63.1434(c)(3)) upon initial start-up or by June 1, 1999, whichever is later. New
affected sources that commenced construction or reconstruction after September 4, 1997, but on or before January 9, 2012, shall be in compliance with the pressure relief device monitoring requirements of §63.1434(c)(3) by March 27, 2017. New affected sources that commence construction or reconstruction after January 9, 2012, shall be in compliance with the pressure relief device monitoring requirements of §63.1434(c)(3) upon initial startup or by March 27, 2014, whichever is later.

(c) Existing affected sources shall be in compliance with this subpart (except for §63.1434 for which compliance is covered by paragraph (d) of this section) no later than June 1, 2002, as provided in §63.6(c), unless an extension has been granted as specified in paragraph (e) of this section.

(d) Except as provided for in paragraphs (d)(1) through (6) of this section, existing affected sources shall be in compliance with §63.1434 no later than December 1, 1999 unless an extension has been granted as specified in paragraph (e) of this section.

(1) Compliance with the compressor provisions of §63.164 shall occur no later than June 1, 2000 for any compressor meeting one or more of the criteria in paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section, if the work can be accomplished without a process unit shutdown, as defined in §63.161.

(i) The seal system will be replaced.

(ii) A barrier fluid system will be installed.

(iii) A new barrier fluid will be utilized which requires changes to the existing barrier fluid system.

(iv) The compressor shall be modified to permit connecting the compressor to a closed-vent system.

(2) Compliance with the compressor provisions of §63.164 shall occur no later than December 1, 2000, for any compressor meeting all the criteria in paragraphs (d)(2)(i) through (iv) of this section.

(i) The compressor meets one or more of the criteria specified in paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section.

(ii) The work can be accomplished without a process unit shutdown as defined in §63.161.

(iii) The additional time is necessary, due to the unavailability of parts beyond the control of the owner or operator.

(iv) The owner or operator submits the request for a compliance extension to the appropriate U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office at the addresses listed in §63.13 no later than 45 days before December 1, 1999. The request for a compliance extension shall contain the information specified in §63.6(1)(6)(1)(A) and (B). Unless the EPA Regional Office objects to the request for a compliance extension within 30 days after receipt of the request, the request shall be deemed approved.

(3) If compliance with the compressor provisions of §63.164 cannot reasonably be achieved without a process unit shutdown, as defined in §63.161, the owner or operator shall achieve compliance no later than June 1, 2001. The owner or operator who elects to use this provision shall submit a request for an extension of compliance in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (d)(2)(iv) of this section.

(4) Compliance with the compressor provisions of §63.164 shall occur not later than June 1, 2002 for any compressor meeting one or more of the criteria in paragraphs (d)(4)(i) through (iii) of this section.

(i) Compliance cannot be achieved without replacing the compressor.

(ii) Compliance cannot be achieved without recasting the distance piece.

(iii) Design modifications are required to connect to a closed-vent system.

(5) Compliance with the surge control vessel and bottoms receiver provisions of §63.170 shall occur no later than June 1, 2002.

(6) Compliance with the pressure relief device monitoring provisions of §63.1434(c)(3) shall occur no later than March 27, 2017.

(e) Pursuant to section 112(i)(3)(B) of the Act, an owner or operator may request an extension allowing the existing affected source up to 1 additional year to comply with section 112(d) standards. For purposes of this subpart,
a request for an extension shall be submitted to the permitting authority as part of the operating permit application, or to the Administrator as a separate submittal, or as part of the Precompliance Report. Requests for extensions shall be submitted no later than 120 days prior to the compliance dates specified in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section, or as specified elsewhere in this subpart. The dates specified in §63.6(i) for submittal of requests for extensions shall not apply to this subpart.

(1) A request for an extension of compliance shall include the data described in §63.6(i)(6)(i)(A) and (B).

(2) The requirements in §63.6(i)(8) through (14) shall govern the review and approval of requests for extensions of compliance with this subpart.

(3) An owner or operator may submit a compliance extension request after the date specified in paragraph (e) of this section, provided that the need for the compliance extension arose after that date, and the need arose due to circumstances beyond reasonable control of the owner or operator. This request shall include, in addition to the information specified in paragraph (e)(1) of this section, a statement of the reasons additional time is needed and the date when the owner or operator first learned of the problem.

(f) Table 1 of this subpart specifies the requirements in 40 CFR part 63, subpart A (the General Provisions) that apply and those that do not apply to owners and operators of affected sources subject to this subpart. For the purposes of this subpart, Table 3 of 40 CFR part 63, subpart F is not applicable.

(g) Table 2 of this subpart summarizes the provisions of 40 CFR part 63, subparts F, G, and H (collectively known as the “HON”) that apply and those that do not apply to owners and operators of affected sources subject to this subpart.

(h) [Reserved]

(i) After the compliance dates specified in this section, a storage vessel that is assigned to an affected source subject to this subpart that is also subject to the 40 CFR part 60, subpart Kb (Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Liquid Storage Vessels (Including Petroleum Liquid Storage Vessels) for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after July 23, 1984) is required to comply only with the provisions of this subpart. After the compliance dates specified in this section, that storage vessel shall no longer be subject to 40 CFR part 60, subpart Kb.

(j) After the compliance dates specified in this subpart, if any combustion device, recovery device or recapture device subject to this subpart is also subject to monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements for hazardous waste, disposal, and treatment facilities in 40 CFR part 264, subpart AA (Air Emission Standards for Process Vents) or subpart CC (Air Emission Standards for Tanks, Surface Impoundments, and Containers), the owner or operator may comply with either paragraph (j)(1) or (2) of this section. If, after the compliance dates specified in this subpart, any combustion device, recovery device, or recapture device subject to this subpart is subject to monitoring and recordkeeping requirements hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities in 40 CFR part 265, subpart AA (Air Emission Standards for Process Vents) or subpart CC (Air Emission Standards for Tanks, Surface Impoundments, and Containers), the owner or operator may comply with either paragraph (j)(1) or (3) of this section. If the owner or operator elects to comply with either paragraph (j)(2) or (3) of this section, the owner or operator shall notify the Administrator of this choice in the Notification of Compliance Status required by §63.1439(e)(5).

(1) The owner or operator shall comply with the monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements of this subpart.

(2) The owner or operator shall comply with the monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements in 40 CFR part 264, with the following exception. All excursions, as defined in §63.1438(f), shall be reported in the periodic report. Compliance with this paragraph shall constitute compliance with the monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements of this subpart.

(3) The owner or operator shall comply with the monitoring and recordkeeping requirements of 40 CFR part...
265, subpart AA or subpart CC, and the periodic reporting requirements under 40 CFR part 264, subpart AA or subpart CC, that would apply to the device if the facility had final-permitted status, with the following exception. All excursions, as defined in §63.1438(f), shall be reported in the periodic report. Compliance with this paragraph shall constitute compliance with the monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements of this subpart.

(k) Paragraphs (k)(1) and (2) of this section address instances in which requirements from other regulations overlap for the same heat exchange system(s) or waste management unit(s) that are subject to this subpart.

(1) After the applicable compliance date specified in this subpart, if a heat exchange system subject to this subpart is also subject to a standard identified in paragraph (k)(1)(i) or (ii) of this section, compliance with the applicable provisions of the standard identified in paragraph (k)(1)(i) or (ii) shall constitute compliance with the applicable provisions of this subpart with respect to that heat exchange system.

(i) 40 CFR part 63, subpart F.

(ii) A subpart of this part which requires compliance with the HON heat exchange system requirements in §63.104 (e.g., 40 CFR part 63, subpart JJJ or U).

(2) After the applicable compliance date specified in this subpart, if any waste management unit subject to this subpart is also subject to a standard identified in paragraph (k)(2)(i) or (ii) of this section, compliance with the applicable provisions of the standard identified in paragraph (k)(2)(i) or (ii) shall constitute compliance with the applicable provisions of this subpart with respect to that waste management unit.

(i) 40 CFR part 63, subpart G.

(ii) A subpart of this part which requires compliance with the HON process wastewater provisions in §§63.132 through 63.147 (e.g., subpart JJJ or U).

(l) All terms in this subpart that define a period of time for completion of required tasks (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annual), unless specified otherwise in the section or subsection that imposes the requirement, refer to the standard calendar periods, unless altered by mutual agreement between the owner or operator and the Administrator in accordance with paragraph (l)(1) of this section.

(1) Notwithstanding time periods specified in this subpart for completion of required tasks, such time periods may be changed by mutual agreement between the owner or operator and the Administrator, as specified in the General Provisions in 40 CFR part 63, subpart A (e.g., a period could begin on the compliance date or another date, rather than on the first day of the standard calendar period). For each time period that is changed by agreement, the revised period shall remain in effect until it is changed. A new request is not necessary for each recurring period.

(2) Where the period specified for compliance is a standard calendar period, if the initial compliance date occurs after the beginning of the period, compliance shall be required according to the schedule specified in paragraphs (l)(2)(i) or (ii) of this section, as appropriate.

(i) Compliance shall be required before the end of the standard calendar period within which the compliance deadline occurs, if there remains at least 2 weeks for tasks that shall be performed monthly, at least 1 month for tasks that shall be performed each quarter, or at least 3 months for tasks that shall be performed annually; or

(ii) In all other cases, compliance shall be required before the end of the first full standard calendar period after the period within which the initial compliance deadline occurs.

(3) In all instances where a provision of this subpart requires completion of a task during each of multiple successive periods, an owner or operator may perform the required task at any time during the specified period, provided that the task is conducted at a reasonable interval after completion of the task during the previous period.

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§ 63.1423 Definitions.

(a) The following terms used in this subpart shall have the meaning given them in subparts A (§63.2), F (§63.101),