§ 52.1231–52.1232 [Reserved]

§ 52.1233 Operating permits.

(a) Emission limitations and related provisions which are established in Minnesota permits as federally enforceable conditions in accordance with Chapter 7007 rules shall be enforceable by USEPA. USEPA reserves the right to deem permit conditions not federally enforceable. Such a determination will be made according to appropriate procedures, and be based upon the permit, permit approval procedures or permit requirements which do not conform with the permit program requirements or the requirements of USEPA’s underlying regulations.

(b) For any permitting program located in the State, insofar as the permitting threshold provisions in Chapter 7007 rules concern the treatment of sources of greenhouse gas emissions as major sources for purposes of title V operating permits, EPA approves such provisions only to the extent they require permits for such sources where the source emits or has the potential to emit at least 100,000 tpy CO₂ equivalent emissions, as well as 100 tpy on a mass basis, as of July 1, 2011.


§ 52.1234 Significant deterioration of air quality.

(a) The requirements of sections 160 through 165 of the Clean Air Act are not met, since the plan does not include approvable procedures for preventing the significant deterioration of air quality.

(b) Regulations for preventing significant deterioration of air quality. The provisions of § 52.21 except paragraph (a)(1) are hereby incorporated and made a part of the applicable State plan for the State of Minnesota.

(c) All applications and other information required pursuant to § 52.21 of this part from sources located in the State of Minnesota shall be submitted to the state agency, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Division of Air Quality, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, rather than to EPA’s Region 5 office.


§ 52.1235 Regional haze.

(a) [Reserved]

(b)(1) NOₓ emission limits. (i) United States Steel Corporation, Keetac: An emission limit of 1.5 lbs NOₓ/MMBtu, based on a 30-day rolling average, shall apply to the Grate Kiln pelletizing furnace (EU030), beginning 3 years from March 8, 2013. However, for any 30, or more, consecutive days when only natural gas is used a limit of 1.2 lbs NOₓ/MMBtu, based on a 30-day rolling average, shall apply.

(ii) Hibbing Taconite Company: An emission limit of 1.5 lbs NOₓ/MMBtu, based on a 30-day rolling average, shall apply to the Line 1 pelletizing furnace (EU020) beginning 26 months from March 8, 2013. An emission limit of 1.5 lbs NOₓ/MMBtu, based on a 30-day rolling average, shall apply to the Line 2 pelletizing furnace (EU021) beginning 38 months from March 8, 2013. An emission limit of 1.5 lbs NOₓ/MMBtu, based on a 30-day rolling average, shall apply to the Line 3 pelletizing furnace (EU022) beginning 50 months from March 8, 2013. However, for any 30, or more, consecutive days when only natural gas is used at any Hibbing Taconite pelletizing furnace, a limit of 1.2 lbs NOₓ/MMBtu, based on a 30-day rolling average, shall apply to that furnace.

(iii) United States Steel Corporation, Minntac: An emission limit of 1.5 lbs NOₓ/MMBtu, based on a 30-day rolling average, shall apply to each of the five indurating furnaces (EU225, EU261, EU282, EU315, and EU334). The owner or operator shall comply with this NOₓ emission limit beginning 12 months from March 8, 2013 for the Line 6 indurating furnace (EU315); 24 months from March 8, 2013 for the Line 7 indurating furnace (EU334); 36 months from March 8, 2013 for the Line 4 or Line 5 indurating furnace (EU261) or (EU282); 48 months from March 8, 2013 for the Line 4 or Line 5 indurating furnace (EU261) or (EU282); and 59 months from March 8, 2013 for the Line 3