

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 60**

[OAR–2002–0053, FRL–7476–6]

RIN 2060–AK35

Standards of Performance for Stationary Gas Turbines**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule; amendments.

SUMMARY: This action proposes amendments to several sections of the standards of performance for stationary gas turbines in 40 CFR part 60, subpart GG. The proposed amendments would codify several alternative testing and monitoring procedures that have routinely been approved by EPA. The proposed amendments would also reflect changes in nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emission control technologies and turbine design since the standards were originally promulgated.

In the rules and regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are taking direct final action on the proposed amendments because we view this action as noncontroversial, and we anticipate no adverse comments. We have explained our reasons for the amendments in the preamble to the direct final rule.

If we receive no adverse comments, we will take no further action on the proposed amendments. If we receive adverse comments, we will withdraw only those provisions on which we

received adverse comments and they will not take effect. We will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** indicating which provisions will become effective and which provisions are being withdrawn. If part or all of the direct final rule amendments in the rules and regulations section of this **Federal Register** are withdrawn, all comments pertaining to those provisions will be addressed in a subsequent final action based on the proposed amendments. We will not institute a second comment period on the subsequent final action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

DATES: Comments. Submit comments on or before May 14, 2003, or 30 days after the date of a public hearing, if one is held.

Public Hearing. If anyone contacts the EPA requesting to speak at a public hearing by April 24, 2003. A public hearing will be held on May 14, 2003.

Incorporation by Reference. The incorporation by reference of certain publications in the proposed rule amendments will be approved by the Director of the Office of the Federal Register as of April 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments. By U.S. Postal Service, send comments (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102T), Attention Docket ID No. OAR–2002–0053, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by courier, deliver comments (in duplicate, if possible) to:

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102T), Attention Docket ID No. OAR–2002–0053, Room B–108, U.S. EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. We request a separate copy of each public comment be sent to the contact person listed below (**see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Public Hearing. If a public hearing is held, it will be held at the New EPA Facility Complex in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina beginning at 10 a.m.

Docket. Docket ID No. OAR–2002–0053 contains supporting information used in developing the proposed amendments. The docket is located at the U.S. EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, Room B–108, and may be inspected from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jaime Pagán, Combustion Group, Emission Standards Division (C439–01), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number (919) 541–5340; facsimile number (919) 541–5450; electronic mail address pagan.jaime@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulated Entities. Entities potentially regulated by this action are those that own and operate stationary gas turbines, and are the same as the existing rule in 40 CFR part 60, subpart GG. Regulated categories and entities include:

Category	NAICS	SIC	Examples of regulated entities
Any industry using a stationary combustion turbine as defined in the direct final rule.	2211	4911	Electric services.
	486210	4922	Natural gas transmission.
	211111	1311	Crude petroleum and natural gas.
	211112	1321	Natural gas liquids.
	221	4931	Electric and other services, combined.

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be regulated by this action. To determine whether your facility is regulated by this action, you should examine the applicability criteria in § 60.330 of the final rule. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the contact person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Docket. The EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OAR–2002–0053. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the U.S. EPA, 1301

Constitution Avenue, NW., Room B–108, Washington, DC 20460. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566–1744. The telephone number for the Air Docket is (202) 566–1742.

Electronic Access. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or review public comments, access the index of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those

documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA dockets. Information claimed as confidential business information (CBI) and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. The EPA's policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed paper form in

the official public docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in this document.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, by facsimile, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket identification number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments submitted after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." The EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

Electronically. If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed below, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD ROM you submit and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. The EPA's policy is that EPA will not edit your comment, and

any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once in the system, select "search" and then key in Docket ID No. OAR-2002-0053. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to air-and-r-docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. OAR-2002-0053. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the Docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in this document. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

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By Hand Delivery or Courier. Deliver your comments (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket, Attention Docket ID No. OAR-2002-0053, U.S. EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room B-108, Washington, DC 20460. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket Center's normal hours of operation as identified in this document. We request that a separate copy also be sent to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

By Facsimile. Fax your comments to: (202) 566-1741, Attention Docket ID No. OAR-2002-0053.

CBI. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. Send or deliver information identified as CBI only to the following address: OAQPS Document Control Officer (C404-02), Attention: Mr. Jaime Pagan, U.S. EPA, 109 TW Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, Attention Docket ID No. OAR-2002-0053. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

Public Hearing. Persons interested in presenting oral testimony or inquiring as to whether a hearing is to be held should contact Ms. Kelly Hayes, Combustion Group, Emission Standards Division (C439-01), Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone number (919) 541-5578, at least two days in advance of the potential date of the public hearing. Persons interested in attending the public hearing must also call Ms. Hayes to verify the time, date, and location of the hearing. The public hearing will provide interested parties the opportunity to present data, views, or arguments concerning these proposed emission standards.

Worldwide Web (WWW). In addition to being available in the docket, an electronic copy of today's proposal will also be available on the WWW through the Technology Transfer Network (TTN). Following signature, a copy of this action will be posted on the TTN's policy and guidance page for newly proposed rules at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg>. The TTN provides information and technology exchange in various areas of air pollution control. If more information regarding the TTN is needed, call the TTN HELP line at (919) 541-5384.

Direct Final Rule. A direct final rule to this proposal is published in the rules and regulations section of this **Federal Register**. If we receive any adverse comment pertaining to one or more distinct amendments in the proposal, we will publish a timely notice in the **Federal Register** informing the public which amendments will become effective and which amendments are being withdrawn due to adverse comment. We will address all public comments concerning any withdrawn

amendments in a subsequent final rule. If no adverse comments are received, no further action will be taken on the proposal and the direct final rule will become effective as provided in that action.

The regulatory text for the proposal is identical to that for the direct final rule published in the rules and regulations section of this **Federal Register**. For further supplemental information, the detailed rationale for the proposal, and the regulatory revisions, see the information provided in the direct final rule published in a separate part of this **Federal Register**.

I. Background

Under section 111 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the EPA promulgated standards of performance for stationary gas turbines (40 CFR part 60, subpart GG). These standards were originally promulgated on September 10, 1979 (44 FR 52798). Since that time, many changes in the design of, the NO_x emission controls used for, and the composition of the fuels fired in gas turbines have occurred. Additional test methods have also been developed to measure emissions from gas turbines and for sampling the sulfur content of gaseous fuels. As a result of these changes, we have had many requests for case-by-case approvals of alternative testing and monitoring procedures for subpart GG. We are proposing these amendments to subpart GG to codify the alternatives that have been routinely approved. Additionally, we are attempting to harmonize the provisions of subpart GG with the monitoring provisions of 40 CFR part 75, since many new gas turbines are subject to both regulations.

II. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), as Amended by the Small Business

Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, generally requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute, unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions.

For purposes of assessing the impacts of the proposed rule amendments on small entities, small entity is defined as: (1) A small business whose parent company has fewer than 100 or 1,000 employees, or fewer than 4 billion kW-hr per year of electricity usage, depending on the size definition for the affected North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code; (2) a small governmental jurisdiction that is a government of a city, county, town, school district or special district with a population of less than 50,000; and (3) a small organization that is any not-for-profit enterprise which is independently owned and operated and is not dominant in its field. It should be noted that small entities in 6 NAICS codes may be affected by the proposed rule amendments, and the small business definition applied to each industry by NAICS code is that listed in the Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards (13 CFR part 121).

After considering the economic impacts of today's proposed rule amendments on small entities, we certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This certification is based primarily upon the estimated cost savings to turbine owners and operators as a result of the proposed revisions to 40 CFR part 60, subpart GG that are presented in the direct final rule amendments published

in a separate part of this **Federal Register**. These cost savings will be experienced by turbines owned and operated by small entities as well as large ones. Using the existing combustion turbines inventory as a measure of which industries may install new turbines in the future, presuming the existing mix of combustion turbines currently is a good approximation of the mix of turbines that will be installed and affected by the proposed amendments up to 2007, 2.5 percent of new turbines overall will likely be owned and operated by small entities. Of these entities, a majority of these are owned and operated by small communities.

For more information on the results of the analysis of small entity impacts, please refer to the economic impact analysis in the docket. We continue to be interested in the potential impacts of the proposed rule amendments on small entities and welcome comments on issues related to such impacts.

For information regarding other administrative requirements for this action, please see the direct final rule action that is located in the rules and regulations section of this **Federal Register** publication.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 60

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides.

Dated: March 27, 2003.

Christine Todd Whitman,
Administrator.

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