ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Recent Postings of Broadly Applicable Alternative Test Methods

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions the EPA has made under and in support of New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) in 2007.

FURTHRE INFORMATION CONTACT: An electronic copy of each alternative test method approval document is available on EPA’s Web site at http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc/approalt.html. For questions about this notice, contact Jason M. DeWees, Air Quality Assessment Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (E143–02), Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: 919–541–9724; fax number: 919–541–0516; e-mail address: dewees.jason@epa.gov. For technical questions about individual alternative test method decisions, refer to the contact person identified in the individual approval documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This notice will be of interest to entities regulated under 40 CFR parts 60, 61, and 63, and State, local, Tribal agencies, and EPA Regional Offices responsible for implementation and enforcement of regulations under 40 CFR parts 60, 61, and 63.

B. How Can I Get Copies Of this Information?

You may access copies of the broadly applicable alternative test method approval documents from the EPA’s Web site at http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc/approalt.html.

II. Background

This notice identifies EPA’s broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions issued between February 1, 2007, and December 31, 2007, under the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), 40 part 60, and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), 40 CFR parts 61 and 63 (see Table 1). Source owners and operators may voluntarily use these broadly applicable alternative test methods. Use of these broadly applicable alternative test methods does not change the applicable emission standards.

As explained in a previous Federal Register notice published at 72 FR 4257, 1/30/07, the EPA Administrator has the authority to approve the use of alternative test methods to comply with requirements under 40 CFR parts 60, 61, and 63. This authority is found in sections 60.8(b)(3), 61.13(h)(1)(ii), and 63.7(e)(2)(i). Over the years, we have performed thorough technical reviews of numerous requests for alternatives and modifications to test methods and procedures. Based on these experiences, we have found that often these changes or alternatives would be equally valid and appropriate to apply to other sources within a particular class, category, or subcategory. Consequently, we have concluded that where a method modification or a change or alternative is clearly broadly applicable to a class, category, or subcategory of sources, it is both more equitable and efficient to approve its use for all appropriate sources and situations at the same time. It is important to clarify that alternative methods are not mandatory but permissive. Sources are not required to employ such a method but may choose to do so in appropriate cases. By electing to use an alternative method, the source owner or operator consents to thereafter demonstrating compliance with applicable requirements based on the results of the alternative method until approved to do so otherwise. The criteria for approval and procedures for submission and review of broadly applicable alternative test methods are outlined at 72 FR 4257, 1/30/07. EPA will continue to announce approvals for broadly applicable alternative test methods on the EPA’s Web site http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc/approalt.html and intends to publish a notice annually that summarizes approvals for broadly applicable alternative test methods.

This notice comprises a summary of six such approval documents added to our technology transfer network from February 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007. The alternative test number, the reference method affected, sources affected, and modification or alternative method allowed are listed in Table 1 of this notice. Complete copies of these approval documents can be obtained from the EPA’s Web site at http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc/approalt.html. If you are aware of reasons why a particular alternative test method approval that we issue could not be broadly applicable, we request that you make us aware of the reasons within 60 days after the expiration of this review period, to object to a Title V operating permit if EPA has not done so. Petitions must be based on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the State, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issue arose after this period.

The EPA received a petition from Rocky Mountain Clean Air Action dated January 3, 2007, requesting that EPA object to the issuance of the Title V operating permit to Kerr-McGee Gathering, LLC for the operation of the Frederick Natural Gas Compressor Station for the following reasons: (I) The Title V permit failed to assure compliance with PSD requirements because CDPHE failed to consider whether emissions from adjacent and interrelated pollutant emitting activities triggered PSD review, specifically Kerr-McGee owned natural gas wells that supply gas to the Frederick Station; (II) in light of CDPHE’s failure to consider PSD compliance, it is likely that the Title V permit must include a compliance schedule; (III) CDPHE failed to respond to significant comments submitted by the Petitioner during the Title V public comment period; and (IV) CDPHE failed to consider adjacent and interrelated pollutant emitting activities in defining the “source” subject to Title V.

On February 7, 2008, the Administrator issued an order granting the petition. The order explains the reasons behind EPA’s conclusion to grant the petition for objection.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

Stephen S. Tuber,
Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 6.
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days of the Federal Register notice announcing the broad approval, and we will revisit the broad approval. Any objection to a broadly applicable alternative test method as well as the resolution of that objection will be announced on the EPA’s Web site http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc/approvd.html and in the subsequent Federal Register notice. If we should decide to retract a broadly applicable test method, we would continue to grant case-by-case approvals, as appropriate, and would (as States, local and Tribal agencies and EPA Regional Offices should) consider the need for an appropriate transition period for users either to request case-by-case approval or to transition to an approved method.


Jennie N. Edmonds,
Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

TABLE 1.—APPROVED ALTERNATIVE TEST METHODS AND MODIFICATIONS TO TEST METHODS UNDER APPENDICES A OR B IN CFR 60, 61, AND 63 MADE BETWEEN FEBRUARY 2007 AND DECEMBER 2007

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<th>Alternative No.</th>
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<td>Alt–032</td>
<td>Default thermal efficiency values in Subpart AAA in §60.536(i)(3).</td>
<td>Wood Stoves affected under the NSPS for Residential Wood Heaters in 40 CFR part 60, subpart AAA.</td>
<td>Use CSA B415.1 test protocol for determination of actual thermal efficiency rating in lieu of default values. Omit the sample gas filtration temperature sensor; Use NCASI Method CI/SG/PULP–94.03 in lieu of Method 308.</td>
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<td>Alt–034</td>
<td>Method 23—Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans from Municipal Waste Combustors.</td>
<td>Sources subject to 40 CFR part 63, subpart RRR, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Secondary Aluminum Production.</td>
<td>Substitute the toluene rinse for the methylene chloride rinse; and Combine all fractions including the toluene rinse before analysis. Use Method 320 in lieu of Method 18 to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR part 63, subpart UUUU.</td>
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Parts of this meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available), and parts will be closed to the public. In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

Open Session

A. Approval of Minutes
   • March 13, 2008

B. New Business—Regulations
   • Farmer Mac Risk-Based Capital Stress Test Revisions (Version 3.0)—Final Rule
   • Financing for Processing or Marketing Operations—Final Rule

C. Reports
   • Auditors’ Report on FCSBA FY 2007 Financial Statements

Closed Session*
   • OSMO Supervisory and Oversight Activities

Dated: April 1, 2008.

Roland E. Smith,
Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

* Session Closed-Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).