

## Environmental Protection Agency

## § 96.4

the District of Columbia, that adopts a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Trading Program pursuant to § 51.121 of this chapter. To the extent a State incorporates by reference the provisions of this part, the term "State" shall mean the incorporating State. The term "State" shall have its conventional meaning where such meaning is clear from the context.

*State trading program budget* means the total number of NO<sub>x</sub> tons apportioned to all NO<sub>x</sub> Budget units in a given State, in accordance with the NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Trading Program, for use in a given control period.

*Submit or serve* means to send or transmit a document, information, or correspondence to the person specified in accordance with the applicable regulation:

- (1) In person;
- (2) By United States Postal Service; or
- (3) By other means of dispatch or transmission and delivery. Compliance with any "submission," "service," or "mailing" deadline shall be determined by the date of dispatch, transmission, or mailing and not the date of receipt.

*Title V operating permit* means a permit issued under title V of the CAA and part 70 or part 71 of this chapter.

*Title V operating permit regulations* means the regulations that the Administrator has approved or issued as meeting the requirements of title V of the CAA and part 70 or 71 of this chapter.

*Ton or tonnage* means any "short ton" (i.e., 2,000 pounds). For the purpose of determining compliance with the NO<sub>x</sub> Budget emissions limitation, total tons for a control period shall be calculated as the sum of all recorded hourly emissions (or the tonnage equivalent of the recorded hourly emissions rates) in accordance with subpart H of this part, with any remaining fraction of a ton equal to or greater than 0.50 ton deemed to equal one ton and any fraction of a ton less than 0.50 ton deemed to equal zero tons.

*Unit* means a fossil fuel-fired stationary boiler, combustion turbine, or combined cycle system.

*Unit load* means the total (i.e., gross) output of a unit in any control period (or other specified time period) pro-

duced by combusting a given heat input of fuel, expressed in terms of:

(1) The total electrical generation (MWe) produced by the unit, including generation for use within the plant; or

(2) In the case of a unit that uses heat input for purposes other than electrical generation, the total steam pressure (psia) produced by the unit, including steam for use by the unit.

*Unit operating day* means a calendar day in which a unit combusts any fuel.

*Unit operating hour or hour of unit operation* means any hour (or fraction of an hour) during which a unit combusts any fuel.

*Utilization* means the heat input (expressed in mmBtu/time) for a unit. The unit's total heat input for the control period in each year will be determined in accordance with part 75 of this chapter if the NO<sub>x</sub> Budget unit was otherwise subject to the requirements of part 75 of this chapter for the year, or will be based on the best available data reported to the Administrator for the unit if the unit was not otherwise subject to the requirements of part 75 of this chapter for the year.

### § 96.3 Measurements, abbreviations, and acronyms.

Measurements, abbreviations, and acronyms used in this part are defined as follows:

Btu—British thermal unit.  
hr—hour.  
Kwh—kilowatt hour.  
lb—pounds.  
mmBtu—million Btu.  
MWe—megawatt electrical.  
ton—2000 pounds.  
CO<sub>2</sub>—carbon dioxide.  
NO<sub>x</sub>—nitrogen oxides.  
O<sub>2</sub>—oxygen.

### § 96.4 Applicability.

(a) The following units in a State shall be NO<sub>x</sub> Budget units, and any source that includes one or more such units shall be a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget source, subject to the requirements of this part:

(1) Any unit that, any time on or after January 1, 1995, serves a generator with a nameplate capacity greater than 25 MWe and sells any amount of electricity; or

(2) Any unit that is not a unit under paragraph (a) of this section and that

has a maximum design heat input greater than 250 mmBtu/hr.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, a unit under paragraph (a) of this section shall be subject only to the requirements of this paragraph (b) if the unit has a federally enforceable permit that meets the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section and restricts the unit to burning only natural gas or fuel oil during a control period in 2003 or later and each control period thereafter and restricts the unit's operating hours during each such control period to the number of hours (determined in accordance with paragraph (b)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section) that limits the unit's potential NO<sub>x</sub> mass emissions for the control period to 25 tons or less. Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, starting with the effective date of such federally enforceable permit, the unit shall not be a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget unit.

(1) For each control period under paragraph (b) of this section, the federally enforceable permit must:

(i) Restrict the unit to burning only natural gas or fuel oil.

(ii) Restrict the unit's operating hours to the number calculated by dividing 25 tons of potential NO<sub>x</sub> mass emissions by the unit's maximum potential hourly NO<sub>x</sub> mass emissions.

(iii) Require that the unit's potential NO<sub>x</sub> mass emissions shall be calculated as follows:

(A) Select the default NO<sub>x</sub> emission rate in Table 2 of § 75.19 of this chapter that would otherwise be applicable assuming that the unit burns only the type of fuel (i.e., only natural gas or only fuel oil) that has the highest default NO<sub>x</sub> emission factor of any type of fuel that the unit is allowed to burn under the fuel use restriction in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section; and

(B) Multiply the default NO<sub>x</sub> emission rate under paragraph (b)(1)(iii)(A) of this section by the unit's maximum rated hourly heat input. The owner or operator of the unit may petition the permitting authority to use a lower value for the unit's maximum rated hourly heat input than the value as defined under § 96.2. The permitting authority may approve such lower value if the owner or operator demonstrates that the maximum hourly heat input

specified by the manufacturer or the highest observed hourly heat input, or both, are not representative, and that such lower value is representative, of the unit's current capabilities because modifications have been made to the unit, limiting its capacity permanently.

(iv) Require that the owner or operator of the unit shall retain at the source that includes the unit, for 5 years, records demonstrating that the operating hours restriction, the fuel use restriction, and the other requirements of the permit related to these restrictions were met.

(v) Require that the owner or operator of the unit shall report the unit's hours of operation (treating any partial hour of operation as a whole hour of operation) during each control period to the permitting authority by November 1 of each year for which the unit is subject to the federally enforceable permit.

(2) The permitting authority that issues the federally enforceable permit with the fuel use restriction under paragraph (b)(1)(i) and the operating hours restriction under paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section will notify the Administrator in writing of each unit under paragraph (a) of this section whose federally enforceable permit issued by the permitting authority includes such restrictions. The permitting authority will also notify the Administrator in writing of each unit under paragraph (a) of this section whose federally enforceable permit issued by the permitting authority is revised to remove any such restriction, whose federally enforceable permit issued by the permitting authority includes any such restriction that is no longer applicable, or which does not comply with any such restriction.

(3) If, for any control period under paragraph (b) of this section, the fuel use restriction under paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section or the operating hours restriction under paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section is removed from the unit's federally enforceable permit or otherwise becomes no longer applicable or if, for any such control period, the unit does not comply with the fuel use restriction under paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section or the operating hours

restriction under paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section, the unit shall be a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget unit, subject to the requirements of this part. Such unit shall be treated as commencing operation and, for a unit under paragraph (a)(1) of this section, commencing commercial operation on September 30 of the control period for which the fuel use restriction or the operating hours restriction is no longer applicable or during which the unit does not comply with the fuel use restriction or the operating hours restriction.

**§ 96.5 Retired unit exemption.**

(a) This section applies to any NO<sub>x</sub> Budget unit, other than a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget opt-in source, that is permanently retired.

(b)(1) Any NO<sub>x</sub> Budget unit, other than a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget opt-in source, that is permanently retired shall be exempt from the NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Trading Program, except for the provisions of this section, §§ 96.2, 96.3, 96.4, 96.7 and subparts E, F, and G of this part.

(2) The exemption under paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall become effective the day on which the unit is permanently retired. Within 30 days of permanent retirement, the NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative (authorized in accordance with subpart B of this part) shall submit a statement to the permitting authority otherwise responsible for administering any NO<sub>x</sub> Budget permit for the unit. A copy of the statement shall be submitted to the Administrator. The statement shall state (in a format prescribed by the permitting authority) that the unit is permanently retired and will comply with the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section.

(3) After receipt of the notice under paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the permitting authority will amend any permit covering the source at which the unit is located to add the provisions and requirements of the exemption under paragraphs (b)(1) and (c) of this section.

(c) *Special provisions.* (1) A unit exempt under this section shall not emit any nitrogen oxides, starting on the date that the exemption takes effect. The owners and operators of the unit

will be allocated allowances in accordance with subpart E of this part.

(2)(i) A unit exempt under this section and located at a source that is required, or but for this exemption would be required, to have a title V operating permit shall not resume operation unless the NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative of the source submits a complete NO<sub>x</sub> Budget permit application under § 96.22 for the unit not less than 18 months (or such lesser time provided under the permitting authority's title V operating permits regulations for final action on a permit application) prior to the later of May 1, 2003 or the date on which the unit is to first resume operation.

(ii) A unit exempt under this section and located at a source that is required, or but for this exemption would be required, to have a non-title V permit shall not resume operation unless the NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative of the source submits a complete NO<sub>x</sub> Budget permit application under § 96.22 for the unit not less than 18 months (or such lesser time provided under the permitting authority's non-title V permits regulations for final action on a permit application) prior to the later of May 1, 2003 or the date on which the unit is to first resume operation.

(3) The owners and operators and, to the extent applicable, the NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative of a unit exempt under this section shall comply with the requirements of the NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Trading Program concerning all periods for which the exemption is not in effect, even if such requirements arise, or must be complied with, after the exemption takes effect.

(4) A unit that is exempt under this section is not eligible to be a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget opt-in source under subpart I of this part.

(5) For a period of 5 years from the date the records are created, the owners and operators of a unit exempt under this section shall retain at the source that includes the unit, records demonstrating that the unit is permanently retired. The 5-year period for keeping records may be extended for cause, at any time prior to the end of the period, in writing by the permitting authority or the Administrator.