

## FACT SHEET

### FINAL RULE: UPDATE OF CONTINUOUS INSTRUMENTAL TEST METHODS: TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

#### ACTION

- On May 15, 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued final technical amendments to Clean Air Act rules on continuous instrumental test methods for oxygen, carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide emissions from stationary sources. Affected industries include: power plants, stationary turbines, refineries, municipal waste combustors, etc.).
- These amendments correct inadvertent errors in the way we described certain methods and provisions in amendments issued May 15, 2006. Specifically, EPA is clarifying language to reflect the intent of the methods and make them more understandable by applicable parties.
- These correcting amendments do not make significant changes to the methods nor add new provisions.
- EPA first viewed these corrections as noncontroversial, did not anticipate adverse comments, and issued this rule as a direct final rule with a parallel proposal on September 7, 2007. EPA received an adverse comment on the definition of a performance test and withdrew the direct final rule on November 5, 2007. This action finalizes the parallel proposed rule and corrects the definition of the performance test.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Interested parties can download the rule from EPA's Web site on the Internet under "Recent Actions" at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg>.
- Today's final rule amendments and other background information are also available either electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, or in hardcopy at the EPA Docket Center's Public Reading Room.
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- Materials for this action can be accessed using Docket ID EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0199.
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