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#### § 53.1 Definitions.

Terms used but not defined in this part shall have the meaning given them by the Act.

*Act* means the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857-1857l), as amended.

*Additive and multiplicative bias* means the linear regression intercept and slope of a linear plot fitted to corresponding candidate and reference method mean measurement data pairs.

*Administrator* means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or his or her authorized representative.

*Agency* means the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Applicant* means a person or entity who submits an application for a Federal reference method or Federal equivalent method determination under § 53.4, or a person or entity who assumes the rights and obligations of an applicant under § 53.7. Applicant may include a manufacturer, distributor, supplier, or vendor.

*Automated method or analyzer* means a method for measuring concentrations of an ambient air pollutant in which sample collection (if necessary), analysis, and measurement are performed automatically by an instrument.

*Candidate method* means a method for measuring the concentration of an air pollutant in the ambient air for which an application for a Federal reference method determination or a Federal equivalent method determination is submitted in accordance with § 53.4, or a method tested at the initiative of the Administrator in accordance with § 53.7.

*Class I equivalent method* means an equivalent method for PM<sub>2.5</sub> or PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> which is based on a sampler that is very similar to the sampler specified for reference methods in appendix L or appendix O (as applicable) of part 50 of this chapter, with only minor deviations or modifications, as determined by EPA.

*Class II equivalent method* means an equivalent method for PM<sub>2.5</sub> or PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> that utilizes a PM<sub>2.5</sub> sampler or

PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> sampler in which integrated PM<sub>2.5</sub> samples or PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> samples are obtained from the atmosphere by filtration and subjected to a subsequent filter conditioning process followed by a gravimetric mass determination, but which is not a Class I equivalent method because of substantial deviations from the design specifications of the sampler specified for reference methods in appendix L or appendix O (as applicable) of part 50 of this chapter, as determined by EPA.

*Class III equivalent method* means an equivalent method for PM<sub>2.5</sub> or PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> that is an analyzer capable of providing PM<sub>2.5</sub> or PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> ambient air measurements representative of one-hour or less integrated PM<sub>2.5</sub> or PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> concentrations as well as 24-hour measurements determined as, or equivalent to, the mean of 24 one-hour consecutive measurements.

*CO* means carbon monoxide.

*Collocated* means two or more air samplers, analyzers, or other instruments that are operated simultaneously while located side by side, separated by a distance that is large enough to preclude the air sampled by any of the devices from being affected by any of the other devices, but small enough so that all devices obtain identical or uniform ambient air samples that are equally representative of the general area in which the group of devices is located.

*Federal equivalent method (FEM)* means a method for measuring the concentration of an air pollutant in the ambient air that has been designated as an equivalent method in accordance with this part; it does not include a method for which an equivalent method designation has been canceled in accordance with § 53.11 or § 53.16.

*Federal reference method (FRM)* means a method of sampling and analyzing the ambient air for an air pollutant that is specified as a reference method in an appendix to part 50 of this chapter, or a method that has been designated as a reference method in accordance with this part; it does not include a method for which a reference method designation has been canceled in accordance with § 53.11 or § 53.16.

*ISO 9001-registered facility* means a manufacturing facility that is either:

(1) An International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001-registered manufacturing facility, registered to the ISO 9001 standard (by the Registrar Accreditation Board (RAB) of the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC) in the United States), with registration maintained continuously; or

(2) A facility that can be demonstrated, on the basis of information submitted to the EPA, to be operated according to an EPA-approved and periodically audited quality system which meets, to the extent appropriate, the same general requirements as an ISO 9001-registered facility for the design and manufacture of designated Federal reference method and Federal equivalent method samplers and monitors.

*ISO-certified auditor* means an auditor who is either certified by the Registrar Accreditation Board (in the United States) as being qualified to audit quality systems using the requirements of recognized standards such as ISO 9001, or who, based on information submitted to the EPA, meets the same general requirements as provided for ISO-certified auditors.

*Manual method* means a method for measuring concentrations of an ambient air pollutant in which sample collection, analysis, or measurement, or some combination thereof, is performed manually. A method for PM<sub>10</sub> or PM<sub>2.5</sub> which utilizes a sampler that requires manual preparation, loading, and weighing of filter samples is considered a manual method even though the sampler may be capable of automatically collecting a series of sequential samples.

*NO* means nitrogen oxide.

*NO<sub>2</sub>* means nitrogen dioxide.

*NO<sub>x</sub>* means oxides of nitrogen and is defined as the sum of the concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> and NO.

*O<sub>3</sub>* means ozone.

*Operated simultaneously* means that two or more collocated samplers or analyzers are operated concurrently with no significant difference in the start time, stop time, and duration of the sampling or measurement period.

*Pb* means lead.

*PM* means PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>10C</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>, or particulate matter of unspecified size range.

*PM<sub>2.5</sub>* means particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 2.5 micrometers as measured by a reference method based on appendix L of part 50 of this chapter and designated in accordance with part 53 of this chapter, by an equivalent method designated in accordance with part 53 of this chapter, or by an approved regional method designated in accordance with appendix C to this part.

*PM<sub>10</sub>* means particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers as measured by a reference method based on appendix J of part 50 of this chapter and designated in accordance with this part or by an equivalent method designated in accordance with this part.

*PM<sub>10c</sub>* means particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers as measured by a reference method based on appendix O of part 50 of this chapter and designated in accordance with this part or by an equivalent method designated in accordance with this part.

*PM<sub>10–2.5</sub>* means particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers and greater than a nominal 2.5 micrometers as measured by a reference method based on appendix O to part 50 of this chapter and designated in accordance with this part or by an equivalent method designated in accordance with this part.

*PM<sub>2.5</sub> sampler* means a device, associated with a manual method for measuring *PM<sub>2.5</sub>*, designed to collect *PM<sub>2.5</sub>* from an ambient air sample, but lacking the ability to automatically analyze or measure the collected sample to determine the mass concentrations of *PM<sub>2.5</sub>* in the sampled air.

*PM<sub>10</sub> sampler* means a device, associated with a manual method for measuring *PM<sub>10</sub>*, designed to collect *PM<sub>10</sub>* from an ambient air sample, but lacking the ability to automatically analyze or measure the collected sample to determine the mass concentrations of *PM<sub>10</sub>* in the sampled air.

*PM<sub>10c</sub> sampler* means a *PM<sub>10</sub>* sampler that meets the special requirements for a *PM<sub>10c</sub>* sampler that is part of a *PM<sub>10–2.5</sub>* reference method sampler, as specified in appendix O to part 50 of

this chapter, or a *PM<sub>10</sub>* sampler that is part of a *PM<sub>10–2.5</sub>* sampler that has been designated as an equivalent method for *PM<sub>10–2.5</sub>*.

*PM<sub>10–2.5</sub> sampler* means a sampler, or a collocated pair of samplers, associated with a manual method for measuring *PM<sub>10–2.5</sub>* and designed to collect either *PM<sub>10–2.5</sub>* directly or *PM<sub>10c</sub>* and *PM<sub>2.5</sub>* separately and simultaneously from concurrent ambient air samples, but lacking the ability to automatically analyze or measure the collected sample(s) to determine the mass concentrations of *PM<sub>10–2.5</sub>* in the sampled air.

*Sequential samples for PM samplers* means two or more PM samples for sequential (but not necessarily contiguous) time periods that are collected automatically by the same sampler without the need for intervening operator service.

*SO<sub>2</sub>* means sulfur dioxide.

*Test analyzer* means an analyzer subjected to testing as part of a candidate method in accordance with subparts B, C, D, E, or F of this part, as applicable.

*Test sampler* means a *PM<sub>10</sub>* sampler, *PM<sub>2.5</sub>* sampler, or *PM<sub>10–2.5</sub>* sampler subjected to testing as part of a candidate method in accordance with subparts C, D, E, or F of this part.

*Ultimate purchaser* means the first person or entity who purchases a Federal reference method or a Federal equivalent method for purposes other than resale.

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### § 53.2 General requirements for a reference method determination.

The following general requirements for a Federal reference method (FRM) determination are summarized in table A–1 of this subpart.

(a) *Manual methods*—(1) *Sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and lead*. For measuring *SO<sub>2</sub>* and lead, appendices A and G of part 50 of this chapter specify unique manual FRM for measuring these pollutants. Except as provided in § 53.16, other manual methods for *SO<sub>2</sub>* and lead will not be considered for FRM determinations under this part.

(2) *PM<sub>10</sub>*. A FRM for measuring *PM<sub>10</sub>* must be a manual method that meets all requirements specified in appendix