$PM_{2.5}$ 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.

$PM_{10}$ 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.

$PM_{10C}$ 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.

$PM_{10-2.5}$ 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.

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

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

*$PM_{10C}$ sampler* means a $PM_{10}$ sampler that meets the special requirements for a $PM_{10C}$ sampler that is part of a $PM_{10-2.5}$ reference method sampler, as specified in appendix O to part 50 of this chapter, or a $PM_{10}$ sampler that is part of a $PM_{10-2.5}$ sampler that has been designated as an equivalent method for $PM_{10-2.5}$.

*$PM_{10-2.5}$ sampler* means a sampler, or a collocated pair of samplers, associated with a manual method for measuring $PM_{10-2.5}$ and designed to collect either $PM_{10-2.5}$ directly or $PM_{10C}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ 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 $PM_{10-2.5}$ 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.

$SO_2$ 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 $PM_{10}$ sampler, $PM_{2.5}$ sampler, or $PM_{10-2.5}$ 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 ($SO_2$) and lead.* For measuring $SO_2$ 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 $SO_2$ and lead will not be considered for FRM determinations under this part.

(2) *$PM_{10}$.* A FRM for measuring $PM_{10}$ must be a manual method that meets all requirements specified in appendix

J of part 50 of this chapter and must include a $PM_{10}$ sampler that has been shown in accordance with this part to meet all requirements specified in this subpart A and subpart D of this part.

(3) *$PM_{2.5}$.* A FRM for measuring $PM_{2.5}$ must be a manual method that meets all requirements specified in appendix L of part 50 of this chapter and must include a $PM_{2.5}$ sampler that has been shown in accordance with this part to meet the applicable requirements specified in this subpart A and subpart E of this part. Further, FRM samplers must be manufactured in an ISO 9001-registered facility, as defined in § 53.1 and as set forth in § 53.51.

(4) *$PM_{10-2.5}$.* A FRM for measuring $PM_{10-2.5}$ must be a manual method that meets all requirements specified in appendix O of part 50 of this chapter and must include $PM_{10C}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ samplers that have been shown in accordance with this part to meet the applicable requirements specified in this subpart A and subpart E of this part. Further, $PM_{10-2.5}$ FRM samplers must be manufactured in an ISO 9001-registered facility, as defined in § 53.1 and as set forth in § 53.51.

(b) *Automated methods.* An automated FRM for measuring CO, $O_3$, or $NO_2$ must utilize the measurement principle and calibration procedure specified in the appropriate appendix to part 50 of this chapter and must have been shown in accordance with this part to meet the requirements specified in this subpart A and subpart B of this part.

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### § 53.3 General requirements for an equivalent method determination.

(a) *Manual methods.* A manual Federal equivalent method (FEM) must have been shown in accordance with this part to satisfy the applicable requirements specified in this subpart A and subpart C of this part. In addition, a PM sampler associated with a manual method for $PM_{10}$, $PM_{2.5}$, or $PM_{10-2.5}$ must have been shown in accordance with this part to satisfy the following additional requirements, as applicable:

(1) *$PM_{10}$.* A $PM_{10}$ sampler associated with a manual method for $PM_{10}$ must satisfy the requirements of subpart D of this part.

(2) *$PM_{2.5}$ Class I.* A $PM_{2.5}$ Class I FEM sampler must also satisfy all requirements of subpart E of this part, which shall include appropriate demonstration that each and every deviation or modification from the FRM sampler specifications does not significantly alter the performance of the sampler.

(3) *$PM_{2.5}$ Class II.* (i) A $PM_{2.5}$ Class II FEM sampler must also satisfy the applicable requirements of subparts E and F of this part or the alternative requirements in paragraph (a)(3)(ii) of this section.

(ii) In lieu of the applicable requirements specified for Class II $PM_{2.5}$ methods in subparts C and F of this part, a Class II $PM_{2.5}$ FEM sampler may alternatively meet the applicable requirements in paragraphs (b)(3)(i) through (iii) of this section and the testing, performance, and comparability requirements specified for Class III equivalent methods for $PM_{2.5}$ in subpart C of this part.

(4) *$PM_{10-2.5}$ Class I.* A $PM_{10-2.5}$ Class I FEM sampler must also satisfy the applicable requirements of subpart E of this part (there are no additional requirements specifically for Class I $PM_{10-2.5}$ methods in subpart C of this part).

(5) *$PM_{10-2.5}$ Class II.* (i) A $PM_{10-2.5}$ Class II FEM sampler must also satisfy the applicable requirements of subpart C of this part and also the applicable requirements and provisions of paragraphs (b)(3)(i) through (iii) of this section, or the alternative requirements in paragraph (a)(5)(ii) of this section.

(ii) In lieu of the applicable requirements specified for Class II $PM_{10-2.5}$ methods in subpart C of this part and in paragraph (b)(3)(iii) of this section, a Class II $PM_{10-2.5}$ FEM sampler may alternatively meet the applicable requirements in paragraphs (b)(3)(i) and (ii) of this section and the testing, performance, and comparability requirements specified for Class III FEMs for $PM_{10-2.5}$ in subpart C of this part.

(6) *ISO 9001.* All designated FEMs for $PM_{2.5}$ or $PM_{10-2.5}$ must be manufactured in an ISO 9001-registered facility, as defined in § 53.1 and as set forth in § 53.51.

(b) *Automated methods.* All types of automated FEMs must have been shown in accordance with this part to