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Status of Continuous Mercury Monitoring (CMM) Implementation

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Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) Monitoring Requirements



Mercury pounds tracking commences January 1, 2010

- Requires monitoring commence no later than January 1, 2009
 NIST traceability is postponed until January 1, 2010
- Most orders placed, about half shipped

➢ Over 600 CMMs, ~200 Appendix K

Completing NIST Traceability still key issue to be resolved



EPRI Summary Assessment

- <u>CMMs</u>
 - They work, even at 0.5 μ g/m³
 - Reliability TBD with experience
 - EPA & industry need understand/accept complexity
 - Years to get NOx/SO₂ CEMS-type reliability
 - Need correspondingly appropriate missing data rules and industry resource allocation
- <u>Appendix K</u>
 - Proven in field for low-moderate sulfur coal
 - Concern about use with high sulfur coal
 - Spike loss is warning sign
 - Recommended for very low Hg emissions
- Calibration and QA/QC remain a major issue



CMM Demonstrations

- Concluded Trimble County
 Demonstration
 - Suppliers greatly improved reliability (1-2 wks to 6-8 mo.)
 - Allowed troubleshooting of calibration issues
 - Performed a M30B RATA
- Methods 30A and 30B became final November 7th
- NIST Traceability postponement
 - Requires EPA/Industry study be completed on 10-20 Units





CMM Standards – EPA Task List 2008



- **1. Develop field certification procedures**
 - Address previously shipped calibrators
 - Field QA/QC procedures
- 2. Laboratory inter-comparison program
 - Assessment of measurement uncertainty
- 3. Evaluation of compressed gas cylinders
 - Critical option for field certification QA/QC
- 4. Statistical calculation procedures & spreadsheets for field studies
- 5. QC procedures for sorbent traps/permeation tubes
 - Exploring other QA/QC options
- 6. Field certification & traceability protocol of Hg⁺² calibrators
 - Critical parameter not yet fully addressed by EPA or NIST





IRM Status – M30A

- Dynamic Spiking waived until 2009
 - Single Pretest Dynamic Spike of 3 runs
 - 150-200% of native Hg
 - Recover 100% ±10%
 - RSD \leq 5.0% or \leq 0.5 µg/m³
- Stratification waived until 2009
 - Use SO_2 for 2008
- Interference Check
 - Only HCI and NO
 - Only done once
- System Integrity Check
 - Beginning and end of runs Repeated between runs optional
 - ± 5.0% of Span
 - Failure disqualifies runs after the last good integrity check



Sorbent Trap Reference Method (M30B)

- Proposed/finalized with IRM
- Follow Appendix K with additional QA
 - Only use 2 section small traps
 - Require "Field Recovery Study"
 - Modeled after Method 18 section 8.4.3
 - Requires 3 paired runs with one trap using spiked front section (40-60% of native Hg)
- Released to testing contractors:

http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc/prelim.html





NIST Traceability – Hg⁰

- Level 1: <u>NIST–Prime Generator</u>
 - Each vendor sends a generator to NIST
 - NIST performs isotope dilution ICP/MS
 - The generator remains at NIST as the NIST Prime
- Level 2: Vendor-Prime Generator
 - Vendor sends one or more generator(s) to NIST
 - NIST performs nesting analysis vs. NIST Prime
 - Generator(s) returned to vendor as the Vendor Prime
- Level 3: User-Prime Generator for CEM Use
 - Vendor performs nesting analysis vs. Vendor Prime
 - **EPA/Industry study needs to resolve:**
 - Certification of shipped calibrators
 - QA/QC procedures on field installations



For Latest from EPA, Vendors, and Users

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