

FACT SHEET

FINAL RULE: UPDATE OF CONTINUOUS INSTRUMENTAL TEST METHODS USED TO MEASURE EMISSIONS FROM INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

ACTION

- On April 28, 2006, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued final amendments to five testing methodologies. These “test methods” direct the proper application and operation of instruments used to measure emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and other gases from industrial facilities. The test methods, known as Methods 3A, 6C, 7E, 10, and 20, are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (Appendix A of 40 CFR Part 60).
- While these test methods were originally developed for specific industry applications, they generally have been adapted to other testing applications. These amendments allow the use of current testing practice and technology.
- The amendments also will remove inconsistencies in equipment and performance specifications to give these test methods similar requirements. Additionally, these amendments will correct minor editorial and technical errors that currently exist in the test methods.
- EPA proposed these amendments on both August 27, 1997 and October 10, 2003. Industrial facilities that are already subject to the Clean Air Act’s “New Source Performance Standards” will be affected by this rule. However, no emission standard is changed nor are any additional recordkeeping requirements added.

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>. For further information about the rulemaking, contact Foston Curtis at EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-1063.