Environmental Protection Agency

Subpart SSS [Reserved]

Subpart TTT—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Primary Lead Smelting

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§63.1541 Applicability.

(a) The provisions of this subpart apply to the following affected sources at primary lead smelters: sinter machine, blast furnace, dross furnace, process fugitive sources, and fugitive dust sources. The provisions of this subpart do not apply to secondary lead smelters, lead refiners, or lead remelters.

(b) Table 1 of this subpart specifies the provisions of subpart A that apply and those that do not apply to owners and operators of primary lead smelters. The following sections of part 63 apply to this subpart as stated in subpart A and Table 1: §63.1 (Applicability), §63.2 (Definitions), §63.3 (Units and abbreviations), §63.4 (Prohibited activities and circumvention), §63.5 (Construction and reconstruction), §63.7 (Performance testing requirements), §63.8 (Monitoring requirements), §63.12 (State authority and delegations), §63.13 (Addresses of State air pollution control agencies and EPA Regional Offices), §63.14 (Incorporations by reference), and §63.15 (Availability of information confidentiality). The following sections of part 63 apply to the extent specified in this subpart and Table 1: §63.6 (Compliance with standards and maintenance requirements), §63.9 (Notification requirements), and §63.10 (Recordkeeping and reporting requirements). Section §63.11 (Control device requirements) does not apply to this subpart.

§63.1542 Definitions.

Terms used in this subpart are defined in the Act, in subpart A of this part, or in this section as follows:

Bag leak detection system means a system that is capable of continuously monitoring relative particulate matter (dust) loadings in the exhaust of a baghouse in order to detect bag leaks and other upset conditions. A bag leak detection system includes, but is not limited to, an instrument that operates on triboelectric, light scattering, light transmittance, or other effect to continuously monitor relative particulate matter loadings.

Blast furnace means any reduction furnace to which sinter is charged and which forms separate layers of molten slag and lead bullion.

Building means a roofed and walled structure with limited openings to allow access and egress for people and vehicles.

Charging location means the physical opening through which raw materials are introduced into a sinter machine, blast furnace, or dross furnace.

Dross furnace means any smelting furnace to which drosses are charged and which chemically and physically separates lead from other impurities.

Drossing and refining kettle means an open-top vessel that is constructed of cast iron or steel and is indirectly heated from below and contains molten lead for the purpose of drossing, refining, or alloying lead. Included are pot furnaces, receiving kettles, and holding kettles.

Fugitive dust source means a stationary source of hazardous air pollutant emissions at a primary lead smelter resulting from the handling, storage, transfer, or other management of leadbearing materials where the source is not associated with a specific process, process vent, or stack. Fugitive dust sources include roadways, storage piles, materials handling transfer points, and materials transport areas.

Furnace area means any area of a primary lead smelter in which a blast furnace or dross furnace is located.

Malfunction means any sudden, infrequent, and not reasonably preventable failure of air pollution control equipment, process equipment, or a process to operate in a normal or usual manner which causes, or has the potential to cause, the emission limitations in an applicable standard to be exceeded. Failures that are caused in part by poor maintenance or careless operation are not malfunctions.

Materials storage and handling area means any area of a primary lead smelter in which lead-bearing materials (including ore concentrate, sinter, granulated lead, dross, slag, and flue dust) are stored or handled between process steps, including areas in which materials are stored in piles, bins, or tubs, and areas in which material is prepared for charging to a sinter machine or smelting furnace.

Operating time means the period of time in hours that an affected source is in operation beginning at a startup and ending at the next shutdown.

Plant operating time means the period of time in hours that either a sinter machine or blast furnace is in operation.

Plant roadway means any area of a primary lead smelter that is subject to vehicle traffic, including traffic by fork lifts, front-end loaders, or vehicles carrying ore concentrates or cast lead ingots. Excluded from this definition are employee and visitor parking areas, provided they are not subject to traffic by vehicles carrying lead-bearing materials.

Primary lead smelter means any facility engaged in the production of lead metal from lead sulfide ore concentrates through the use of pyrometallurgical techniques.

Process fugitive source means a source of hazardous air pollutant emissions at a primary lead smelter that is associated with lead smelting or refining but is not the primary exhaust stream and is not a fugitive dust source. Process fugitive sources include sinter machine charging locations, sinter machine discharge locations, sinter crushing and sizing equipment, furnace charging locations, furnace taps, drossing kettles, and refining kettles.

Refining and casting area means any area of a primary lead smelter in which drossing or refining operations occur, or casting operations occur.

Shutdown means the cessation of operation of an affected source for any purpose.

Sinter machine means any device in which a lead sulfide ore concentrate charge is heated in the presence of air to eliminate sulfur contained in the charge and to agglomerate the charge into a hard porous mass called sinter.

Sinter machine area means any area of a primary lead smelter where a sinter machine, or sinter crushing and sizing equipment is located. 40 CFR Ch. I (7–1–07 Edition)

Sinter machine discharge end means the physical opening at the end of a sinter machine where the sinter exits the sinter machine.

Startup means the setting in operation of an affected source for any purpose.

Tapping location means the opening thru which lead and slag are removed from the furnace.

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§63.1543 Standards for process and process fugitive sources.

(a) No owner or operator of any existing, new, or reconstructed primary lead smelter shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the atmosphere lead compounds in excess of 500 grams of lead per megagram of lead metal produced (1.0 pounds of lead per ton of lead metal produced) from the aggregation of emissions discharged from the air pollution control devices used to control emissions from the sources listed in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(9) of this section.

(1) Sinter machine;

(2) Blast furnace;

(3) Dross furnace;

(4) Dross furnace charging location;

(5) Blast furnace and dross furnace tapping location;

(6) Sinter machine charging location;(7) Sinter machine discharge end;

(8) Sinter crushing and sizing equipment; and

(9) Sinter machine area.

(b) The process fugitive sources listed in paragraphs (a)(4) through (a)(8) of this section shall be equipped with a hood and shall be ventilated to a baghouse or equivalent control device. The hood design and ventilation rate shall be consistent with American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists recommended practices.

(c) The sinter machine area shall be enclosed in a building that is ventilated to a baghouse or equivalent control device at a rate that maintains a positive in-draft through any doorway opening.

(d) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this section, following the initial test to demonstrate compliance with paragraph (a) of this section, the owner or operator of a primary lead smelter