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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Request for the Approval of the Use of Method 205 as an Alternative to the Use of Multiple Calibration Gases Whenever Required by an EPA Test Method, Performance Specification Test Procedure, or Quality Assurance Procedure

FROM: *Fred Dimmock*
for J. David Mobley, Acting Director
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TO: Dore LaPosta, Chief
Monitoring and Assessment Branch, Region II (2DESA-MAB)

I am writing in response to your memorandum of August 10, 1999, regarding the use of Method 205, Verification of Gas Dilution Systems for Field Instrument Calibrations, 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix M (Method 205) as an alternative method whenever use of multiple calibration gases is required by an EPA test method, performance specification, or quality assurance procedure. As you know, we developed Method 205 as an alternative available to State and local regulatory agencies that wanted to allow the use of a gas dilution system for generating multiple levels of calibration gas in lieu of buying and transporting to the field several certified bottles of calibration gas for each test method.

With this memo, we are approving Method 205 as an alternative to obtaining individual certified calibration gas cylinders for test method, performance specification, and quality assurance requirements under all New Source Performance Standards (40 CFR part 60) and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories (40 CFR part 63).

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Please contact Rima Dishakjian at (919) 541-0443 if there are additional questions on this matter.

cc: Rima Dishakjian (MD-19)
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