5.1 What is a peaking unit?

The definition of a peaking unit is presented in Table 11. Table 11 shows that for a unit that reports emissions data year-round, peaking unit qualification depends on the annual capacity factor25of the unit. For units in the CAIR ozone season program that are permitted to report emissions only for the ozone season months (May through September), peaking unit qualification depends on the ozone season capacity factor26 of the unit.

Table 11. Peaking Units

According to §72.2, a combustion unit is a peaking unit if it has...

· An average annual capacity factor of 10.0 percent or less over the past three years;

and

· An annual capacity factor of 20.0 percent or less in each of those three years