

Question 23.15

Topic: Definition of a "Fuel Flowmeter QA Operating Quarter"

Question: Please clarify the term "fuel flowmeter QA operating quarter" as defined in 40 CFR § 72.2.

Answer: The term "fuel flowmeter QA operating quarter" is both fuel-specific and monitoring system-specific. For example, a unit that burns gas for 500 hours in a quarter and oil for 100 hours in a quarter has a **gas** "fuel flowmeter QA operating quarter" (because gas was burned for ≥ 168 hours), but does not have an **oil** "fuel flowmeter QA operating quarter."

In the example above, if the gas fuel flowmeter system had consisted of multiple fuel flowmeters the "fuel flowmeter QA operating quarter" would have been counted against each of the installed meters in the system even if one or more of the individual meters (e.g., a return meter) may have operated for less than 168 hours in the quarter. Each time that a "fuel flowmeter QA operating quarter" is charged against a particular flowmeter, it counts toward the determination of the deadline for the next accuracy test of the flowmeter.

References: § 72.2

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