

# **SECTION 19**

## **BACKGROUND**

Section 75.24(c)(2) of Part 75 allows the use of EPA reference methods for data collection and reporting whenever a primary monitoring system is out-of-control. Section 75.20(d) of Part 75 further states that a monitoring system that is operated as a reference method (RM) may be used to provide quality-assured data for Part 75 reporting purposes. In particular, the following reference methods in 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A may be used as RM backup monitors: Methods 6C, 7E, and 3A for SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>, respectively, and Method 2 for stack gas flow rate. These methods do not require certification prior to use.

## **POLICY**

The following policy guidance, in question-and-answer format, outlines the general procedures to be followed when EPA Reference Methods are adapted for use as backup monitoring systems to collect data for Part 75 reporting. Note that the procedures and guidelines set forth in this policy are specific to Part 75 monitoring applications, and are not necessarily appropriate for use in other programs.