Question 11.3

Topic: Certification Applications

Question: May a utility submit certification applications separately for different CEM systems (e.g., SO₂ and NO_x) at one unit? If the utility unit submits one certification application, will EPA issue partial approvals?

Answer: Yes. The utility may choose to conduct certification activities separately. The utility would have to give proper (21-day) advance notice for each battery of tests, and would have 45 days after completion of each series of tests to submit the results. The 120-day review time would apply individually to each submission.

EPA may also issue separate certification approvals in some cases where a utility submits one certification application for all the monitoring systems at one unit. For example, if EPA determines that all but one of the monitoring systems passed the certification requirements, then EPA would issue a disapproval only for the monitoring system (e.g., the SO₂ system) which failed, and would issue a certification approval for the rest (e.g., the NO_x-diluent system, flow monitor, CO₂ monitoring system, and opacity monitoring system).

References: § 75.20; Appendix A, Section 6.5

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