

Question 13.3

Topic: Recording Data Availability

Question: The percent monitoring availability requirement for a CEM system (§ 75.32) calls for hourly calculations even when no data are missing. Would it be appropriate to calculate availability only when there are missing data and at the end of each quarter instead of redundant calculations every hour? Where will this data be recorded in the Electronic Report File Formats?

Answer: Once you begin reporting quality-assured data following initial certification, your data acquisition and handling system (DAHS) must begin calculating the hourly percent monitor data availability (PMA) for each hour in which quality-assured data are reported. See also the instructions for reporting "Percent Available" in the <MonitorHourlyValueData> and <DerivedHourlyValueData> records in the ECMPS Emissions Reporting Instructions.

References: §75.32(a), § 75.57(c) – (f)

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