

Question 3.40

Topic: Flow-to-load Ratio Test -- Exemptions

Question: Is there any way to obtain an exemption from the quarterly flow-to-load ratio test?

Answer: Yes. First, units that do not produce electrical or steam load (e.g., cement kilns) are exempted from flow-to-load testing under Section 7.8 of Appendix A. For a load-based unit with a complex exhaust configuration, if you can document (by means of historical CEMS data, operating log information, etc.) that the flow-to-load test is infeasible, either from a technical or practical standpoint, you may petition EPA under Section 7.8 of Appendix A for an exemption from the test. Any such petition would have to demonstrate convincingly that the flow-to-load ratio is either unquantifiable or excessively variable.

References: Appendix A, Section 7.8

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