Question 13.10

Topic: Test Notification of Annual/Semiannual QA/QC RATAs

Question: For annual/semiannual QA/QC RATAs, what type of test notification does EPA require? Should a utility submit a test notification form?

Answer: For annual/semiannual QA/QC RATAs, EPA requires that a written test notice be provided to the Administrator, to the EPA Regional Office and to the applicable state agency, in accordance with § 75.61(a)(5). However, note that under § 75.61(a)(5)(iii), the Administrator, the EPA Regional Office or the state air pollution control agency may issue a waiver from the RATA notification requirements for a unit or group of units, for one or more tests (see Question 13.20).

No special form or format for the test notification is required; however, at a minimum, the notice should indicate the affected unit(s) to be tested, the type(s) of RATA(s) to be performed, and the scheduled test date(s). The written notification may be provided by regular mail or by facsimile. The use of electronic mail is acceptable if the respective State or EPA office agrees that this is an acceptable form of notification.

References: § 75.21, § 75.61(a)(5)

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