

Question 15.2

Topic: Control Device Operation during a Missing Data Period

Question: Section 75.34(d) states that "the owner or operator shall keep records of information as described in §75.58(b)(3) to verify the proper operation of all add-on SO₂ or NO_x emission controls, during all periods of SO₂ or NO_x emission missing data." If data substitution is being completed in accordance with §75.34(a)(1), what specific scrubber operating information must be recorded?

Answer: The owner or operator has a great deal of flexibility to choose the appropriate parameters to verify proper operation of SO₂ and NO_x emissions control devices. The specific parameters to be monitored and the acceptable ranges of those parameters must be included in the QA plan for the unit. The parametric information must be recorded by any suitable means (see §75.58(b)), but is not reported to EPA with the quarterly report. The recorded parametric data must be kept at the site for three years, and must be made available upon request in the event of a field audit by the Agency.

References: §75.34(d), §§75.58(b) and (b)(3), §75.64(a)(2)(iv)

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