Question 8.32

Topic: RATAs of Multiple Stack Configurations

Question: For a unit with a multiple stack configuration, are RATAs of the monitors on the individual stacks required to be done simultaneously?

Answer: For multiple stack configurations, Part 75 does not require simultaneous RATAs of the monitors installed on the individual stacks. However, if you elect to perform the quarterly flow-to-load test on a combined basis (see Questions 3.35 through 3.39), EPA recommends that the flow RATAs either be done simultaneously or as close in time as practicable, at approximately the same operating conditions (e.g., load, diluent concentration, etc.). This helps to ensure that a representative reference flow-to-load ratio is obtained.

References: Appendix A, Section 6.5; Appendix B, Section 2.2.5; Policy Manual Questions 3.35, 3.36, 3.37, 3.38, and 3.39

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