

Question 3.3

Topic: Length of Reference Method 2 Test Runs

Question: Must a Method 2 flow run be 30 to 60 minutes long?

Answer: No. Method 2 only requires a run to be long enough to obtain a stable reading at each traverse point. The EPA recommends that flow run times be consistent with the run time for a gas RATA run (21 minutes). Flow runs shorter than 21 minutes are acceptable, but runs must be at least five minutes long.

References: 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A (RM 2); 40 CFR Part 75, Appendix A, Section 6.5.7

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