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The Way Forward

Maximum Gasoline Sulfur Limit



Detailed information on limits and regulations can be found at www.ifqc.org

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Tier 3 Overview and Opportunities

- Federal Register / Vol. 79, No. 81
- 40 CFR Parts 79, 80, 85, 86, 600, 1036, 1037, 1039, 1042, 1048, 1054, 1065, and 1066
- Control of Air Pollution From Motor Vehicles: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards





U.S. EPA Tier 3 Goals and Status

- Control of Air Pollution From Motor Vehicles:
- Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emissions
 - More stringent vehicle emissions standards
- Fuel Standards
 - Reduce sulfur in gasoline beginning in 2017
 - Now averaging in the 30 mg/kg S range
 - Future 8-11 mg/kg S, or less
 - Ethanol content
 - Newly defined Specification Fuel has 10 volume %
 - Future 15 volume % ?
- California, Europe and Japan currently have gasoline specifications similar to Tier 3
- Final rule Published April 28, 2014





Tier 3 Impact – 1)

- EPA recognized <u>approving methods through rulemaking is a barrier</u> for innovative analytical test methods.
 - EPA decided to incorporate the PBMS approach
- Consistent with the Agency's Performance Based Measurement System ("PBMS"), <u>EPA proposes not to require the use of</u> <u>specific, prescribed analytic methods</u>.
- The PBMS approach is intended to be more flexible and costeffective for the regulated community; it is also intended to encourage innovation in analytical technology and improved data quality.
- <u>EPA is not precluding the use of any method</u>, whether it constitutes a voluntary consensus standard or not, <u>as long as it meets the</u> <u>performance criteria specified</u>.



Tier 3 Impact – 2)

- Once fully implemented, this rule will:
 - (1) Requires individual laboratories to demonstrate adequate measurement quality
 - (2) <u>allow laboratories to choose methods that meet their own</u> <u>needs</u>, provided they can **meet prescribed criteria** rather than specific methods
 - (3) requires all laboratories making regulatory measurements to establish and maintain a statistical quality control program
- Qualification process intent demonstrate the facility's capability with the test method they choose.
 - Each instrument or operator is not required to qualify
 - Labs may have multiple qualified instruments using a method



Tier 3 Impact – 3)

- PBMS is based upon an established performance criteria for accuracy and precision.
- Laboratories demonstrate that a particular analytical test method is acceptable for demonstrating compliance.
 - Precision The degree of agreement in a set of measurements performed on the same property of identical test material.
 - Accuracy The closeness between an observed value from a test measurement and an accepted reference value (ARV).
 - QC Program require all labs making regulatory measurements to establish / maintain a statistical quality control (SQC) program.
- Beginning January 1, 2016, sulfur in gasoline must be determined by a test method approved under § 80.47 - Performance-based Test Method Approach.
- EPA predicts -750 labs subject to info collection.

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Tier 3 Definitions

- Absolute fuel parameter <u>a fuel parameter for which a</u> <u>gravimetric standard is practical</u> to construct and use.
 Sulfur content of gasoline or diesel fuel are examples.
- Method-defined fuel parameter a fuel parameter for which an EPA-prescribed primary test method or designated method defines the regulatory standard. Examples include Reid vapor pressure (RVP) and distillation parameters.
- Correlation equation (For method-defined fuel parameters)

 a correction equation as determined by ASTM standard practice D6708. This standard practice determines whether the comparison between the alternative test method and the designated test method is a null result (No Bias). If the comparison is not null (Bias Found), then the standard practice provides for a correlation equation (Correction Factor) that predicts designated test method results.

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Tier 3 Sulfur PBMS Tests and SQC (1 Absolute fuel parameter

- (b)(1) Sulfur repeatability (r)
- Maximum allowable standard deviation computed from a minimum 20 results made over 20 days
 - 7 or fewer tests per week
 - 2 or fewer tests per day
- STDEV ≤ 1.5 * (r / 2.77)
 - "r" equals the repeatability of D7039-07
 - Chosen because it had biggest r of alternate methods
- Example: A 10 mg/kg sulfur gasoline sample:
 - maximum allowable standard deviation of 20 gasoline tests

≤ 1.5*(1.76 mg/kg / 2.77) = 0.95 mg/kg

20 Diesel low (5-15 mg/kg S) – Max STDEV = 0.72



Tier 3 Sulfur PBMS Tests and SQC (2 Absolute fuel parameter

- (b)(2) Sulfur accuracy
- Average of at least 10 continuous tests performed on a commercially available gravimetric sulfur standard
 - In the range of 1–10 ppm shall not differ from the ARV of the standard by more than 0.71 ppm sulfur; (*Diesel 0.54*)
 - In the range of 10–20 ppm shall not differ from the ARV of the standard by more than 1.00 ppm sulfur;
- In applying the accuracy tests individual test results shall be compensated for any known chemical interferences.
- (The test method specified at § 80.46(a)(1) (D2622) and in use prior to May 30, 2014 is exempt from the repeatability and accuracy requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section.) ? Still must do QC.



Tier 3 Sulfur PBMS Tests and SQC (3

- (SQC) Requirements for Absolute (defined) Fuel Parameters - Follows ASTM practice D6299
- (1) Accuracy SQC
 - Mandatory at-least quarterly testing each instrument with gravimetric reference material or check standard
 - Pre-treat and assess results from the check standard testing after at least 15 testing occasions (D 6299 section 8.2)
 - Mandatory "MR' and "I" charts
 - Root cause investigation triggers, "back-to-back results greater than standard error of the ARV in the consensusnamed fuel
- (2) Precision SQC
 - QC samples either once a week or every 20 tests
 - Mandatory "MR' and "I" charts
 - Root cause investigation triggers, Maintain records five years.
- (3) Validation of new QC material
 - I-Procedure or Q- Procedure, then verified 3 times per year

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Performance Based Measurements System (PBMS) General Requirements

- Generally developed along the lines of ULSD in 2006
 - Included some improvements and additions
- Requires accuracy and repeatability data same as ULSD
 - Same tests as ULSD
- Testing covers two ranges
 - 5-10 PPM and 10-20 PPM
- Data retention is now at the customer location for five years
 - **Previously submitted to EPA using required spread sheets**
- Spreadsheet will be up on EPA website shortly
 - Provides immediate PASS/FAIL result
- Added Quality Control Charting as a specific requirement
 - Monitoring of Precision and Accuracy are required
- Entire procedure is spelled out in CFR Part 80 several sections
 - Legalistically written



Example of Tier III Accuracy Testing

5.0 mg/kg S		15.0 mg/kg S	
Test #	Result	Test #	Result
1	5.1	1	15.5
2	5.3	2	15.7
3	5.7	3	15.9
4	5.4	4	15.8
5	5.5	5	16.1
6	5.2	6	15.9
7	4.9	7	15.5
8	4.8	8	15.8
9	4.6	9	15.9
10	4.8	10	16
Mean	5.12	Mean	15.81
	0.12	Δ COA	0.81
	PASS		PASS

MESA-7220 Tier 3 Testing Results for Accuracy @ 5.0 and 15.0 mg/kg Sulfur

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Example of Tier III Repeatability Testing

MESA-7220 Testing Repeatability

Results @ 10.0 mg/kg S

10.0 mg/kg S					
Test #	Result Test #		Result		
1	9.1	12	9.4		
2	10.7	13	9.7		
3	9.9 14		9		
4	9.1	15	10.6		
5	9.9	16	9.3		
6	10.4	17	10.5		
7	9.7	18	9.9		
8	9.7	19	9.7		
9	9.3	20	10.4		
10	9.4	Mean	9.8		
11	10.9	STDEV	0.58		
PASS					

MESA-7220 Testing Repeatability

Results @ 6.0 mg/kg S

10.0 mg/kg S						
Test #	Result	Test #	Result			
1	5.8	12	6.3			
2	6.7 13		5.9			
3	6.6 14		5			
4	6.4	15	5.9			
5	6.5	16	5.3			
6	4.8	17	5.9			
7	5.9	18	6.6			
8	6	19	5.9			
9	9 6.3 20		5.8			
10	6.5	Mean	6			
11	6.1	STDEV	0.52			
PASS						

MESA-7220 Tier III Testing Results for Repeatability at 6.0 and 10.0 mg/kg Sulfur

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Acceptable Quality Control Charting for Precision (repeatability)

Every facility shall conduct tests on every instrument with a quality control material and construct and maintain an "I" chart and a "MR" chart as defined in ASTM D6299 either once per week or once per every 20 production tests, whichever is more frequent.

Run Rule Strategy - Any one of the following occurrences shall be interpreted as a strong signal that a change in state of the measurement system has likely occurred:

(1) Two out of three consecutive results on the I chart that are more than 2oR' from the center line in the same direction.

- (2) Five consecutive results on the I chart that are more than $1\sigma R'$ from the centerline in the same direction.
- (3) Nine or more points in a row above or below the centerline on the I chart.
- (4) Seven points in a row steadily increasing or decreasing.



Typical MESA-7220 Precision SQC Data



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Acceptable Quality Control Charting for Accuracy

For each instrument used, testing of a **reference material or certified check standard** at least 3 times a year is required. The facility must construct "MR" and "I" charts with control lines as described in ASTM D6299. The following accuracy control charts track a daily check standard testing scheme.

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Typical MESA-7220 Accuracy SQC Data



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The Path to Qualification

- Determine tentative technology to be employed
- Select a protocol for your own testing
- Obtain samples for testing
- Record data from sample testing
- Download the data into EPA spreadsheet
- Print out the results of the project
- Prepare to implement SQC protocol



D7220 Tier 2 & Tier 3 Testing Kits

Item					
SEPA-T2-	SEPA-T2-O2-	SEPA-T3-	SEPA-T3-02-		
KIT-500	KIT-500	KIT-500	KIT-500		

Contains:

- 1. SEPA-T(X)-Set of customer Choice Complete Test Set,
- 2. Pertinent excerpts from Congressional Federal Register,
- **3. Plain Language Descriptions of Required Testing**
- **4.** Pass/Fail Calculations with Worked Examples.
- 5. An overview of EPA/D6299 SQA requirements
- For EPA Sulfur in Gasoline Test Method Qualification



