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# CONTINUOUS MONITORING SYSTEMS COURSE



**PARTICIPANT GUIDE**

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# Welcome!

## About this Course

### Course Description

This three-day classroom *Continuous Monitoring Systems (CMS) Course* provides you with a basic understanding of CMS. It provides an overview of how to perform regulatory reviews and includes key concepts and information on CMS, including types, regulations, analytical techniques, systems design and components, performance specifications, quality assurance (QA) requirements, commonly used technologies, audits/inspections, and enforcement procedures. In addition to the instructor presentation and lecture, you will have opportunities to apply your knowledge through practical exercises, facilitated discussions, and knowledge check games.

### Course Goal(s)

The CMS course has been designed as a three-day classroom immersion into:

- Key concepts pertaining to CMS
- Terminology and techniques that are common in the field
- Performance specifications and QA procedures
- How to use the performance specifications and where to locate requirements
- Different types of audits and enforcement procedures

### Course Organization

There are four modules in this course and an introductory module:

- Course Introduction
- Module 1: Introduction to Continuous Monitoring Systems (CMS)
- Module 2: Overview of CMS and CMS Design and Components
- Module 3: Performance Specifications, Quality Assurance, and Commonly Used Technologies
- Module 4: Audits/Inspection and Enforcement

## Target Audience

This course is intended for a fairly broad audience and could include participants with non-technical backgrounds (e.g., a basic degree in science) as well as technical backgrounds (e.g., a chemical engineering degree). No prior knowledge of CMS is presumed. This course is intended primarily for new hires or any participants who need an understanding of CMS in their job responsibilities.

Staff who could benefit from the course include, but are not limited to the following:

- Staff who are inspection and/or enforcement personnel
- Staff who observe stack test and CMS certifications
- Staff who are reviewing audit reports
- Staff who work on permits

## Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

## Evaluation

The following types of evaluation will be conducted:

- Level 1 evaluation (reaction): accomplished through the use of the standard EPA end-of-course evaluation
- Level 2 evaluation (learning): accomplished through the completion of a course exam and optional activities conducted throughout the course

## Course Agenda

Scheduled Time	Module	Duration
<b>Day 1</b>		
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Course Introduction	30 minutes
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Module 1: Introduction to Continuous Monitoring Systems (CMS)	60 minutes
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break	15 minutes
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Continue Module 1: Introduction to Continuous Monitoring Systems (CMS)	90 minutes
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	60 minutes
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Wrap-up Module 1: Overview of the Course	30 minutes
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Module 2: Overview of CMS and CMS Design and Components	30 minutes
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break	15 minutes
2:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Wrap-up Module 2: Overview of CMS and CMS Design and Components	105 minutes
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>435 minutes (7.5 hours)</b>
<b>Day 2</b>		
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Begin Module 3: Performance Specifications, Quality Assurance, and Commonly Used Technologies	90 minutes
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break	15 minutes
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	Continue Module 3: Performance Specifications, Quality Assurance, and Commonly Used Technologies	105 minutes
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	60 minutes
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Continue Module 3: Performance Specifications, Quality Assurance, and Commonly Used Technologies	60 minutes
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break	15 minutes
2:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Continue Module 3: Performance Specifications, Quality Assurance, and Commonly Used Technologies	105 minutes
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>450 minutes (7.5 hours)</b>

<b>Day 3</b>		
8:30 am – 9:45 am	Module 3 and Wrap Up: Performance Specifications, Quality Assurance, and Commonly Used Technologies	75 minutes
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break	15 minutes
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Begin Module 4: Audits/Inspections and Enforcement	120 minutes
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	60 minutes
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Module 4: Audits/Inspections and Enforcement	60 minutes
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Course Wrap-up, Post-Training Assessment (optional) and Exam	60 minutes
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>390 minutes (6.5 hours)</b>

# About the Participant Guide

## PowerPoint Slides

This participant guide contains a copy of the PowerPoint presentation slides that the instructor(s) will use to teach this course. This includes PowerPoint slides for the course introduction and for modules 1-4. This participant guide is yours to keep, so feel free to take class notes on the lines provided below each slide.

## Appendices

There are three appendices associated with this course, which will be provided to you by your instructor:

- **Appendix A: Master Glossary** – The glossary encompasses a complete list of terms and definitions for all of modules in this course.
- **Appendix B: Master Resources** – A list of resources, including helpful website links, are provided per module.
- **Appendix C: Pre and Post Self-Assessment** – Your instructor may direct you to complete a self-assessment prior to and after the course. These self-assessments will help you to establish a baseline of what you may already know about the information contained in this course. Then, a post self-assessment will allow you to compare how your knowledge and skills have changed as a result of completing the course.

## Handouts

In addition to the appendices listed above, there are several handouts associated with this course, which will be provided to you by your instructor:

- General provisions
- Properties of light
- Performance testing
- Commonly used technologies
- Commonly used acronyms
- Performance specifications
- CMS definitions by performance specification (PS)
- Preventative maintenance examples

# COURSE INTRODUCTION

# Course Introduction

## Course Introduction Description:

The course introduction serves as an overview of the CMS course. This overview includes the course goal, as well as an outline of the modules covered in the course. The course introduction also gives you a chance to meet the instructors, as well as the other participants taking the course. Instructors also use this time to cover administrative aspects of the course including a review of the course materials and course agenda.

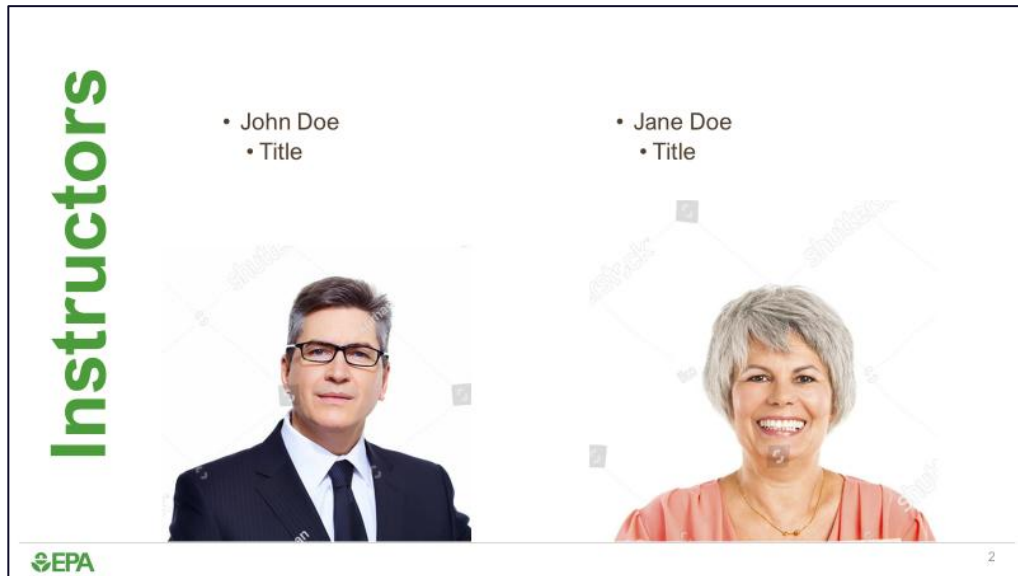


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Continuous Monitoring Systems Course

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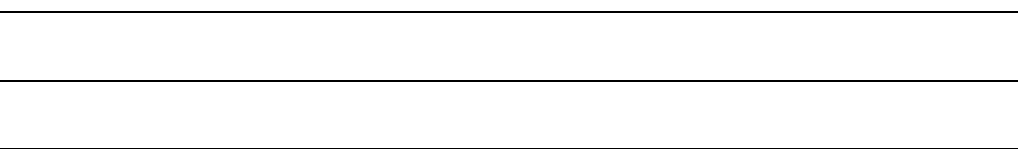
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**Instructors**

- John Doe  
• Title
- Jane Doe  
• Title

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01 Name  
02 Job Title  
03 Expectation



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**Course Introduction**

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## Course Goal

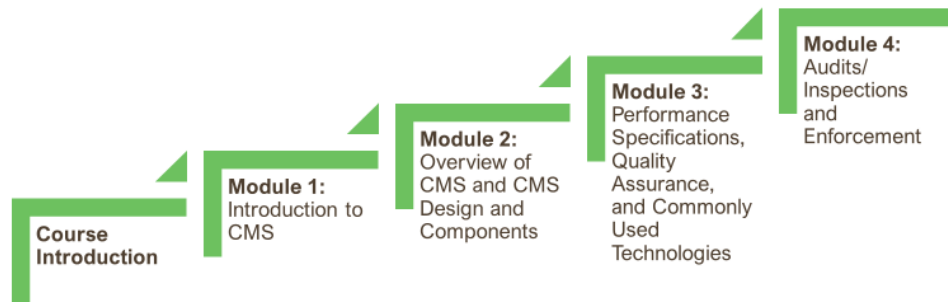
Upon completing this course, you will gain a basic understanding of Continuous Monitoring Systems (CMS). You will be able to use the knowledge gained on the following topics to assess the accuracy of data and the ongoing compliance of sources monitored by CMS.

- Types and purposes of CMS
- Review of regulatory basis for CMS
- Analytical techniques
- Systems design and components
- Performance specifications and quality assurance requirements
- Commonly used technologies
- Audits and inspections
- Enforcement procedures



## Course Outline

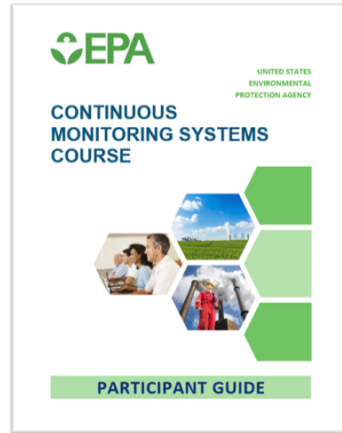
This course is arranged into four modules:



## Course Materials

You should have the following course materials:

- Participant Guide
- Handouts



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## Course Schedule

<b>Day 1</b>	Course Introduction
	Module 1: Introduction to CMS
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<b>Day 3</b>	Module 3 and Wrap Up
	Module 4: Audits/Inspections and Enforcement
	Post-Training Assessment and Course Exam



## Ground Rules

- Start and Stop on-time
- Silence cell phones
- Be respectful and courteous
- Ask questions as you think of them
- Return promptly from breaks and lunch



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## Where's the Coffee?

- Location of restrooms, coffee and vending areas, lunch options
- Emergency evacuation information
- Smoking area
- Parking



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**Questions**



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# **MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO CMS**

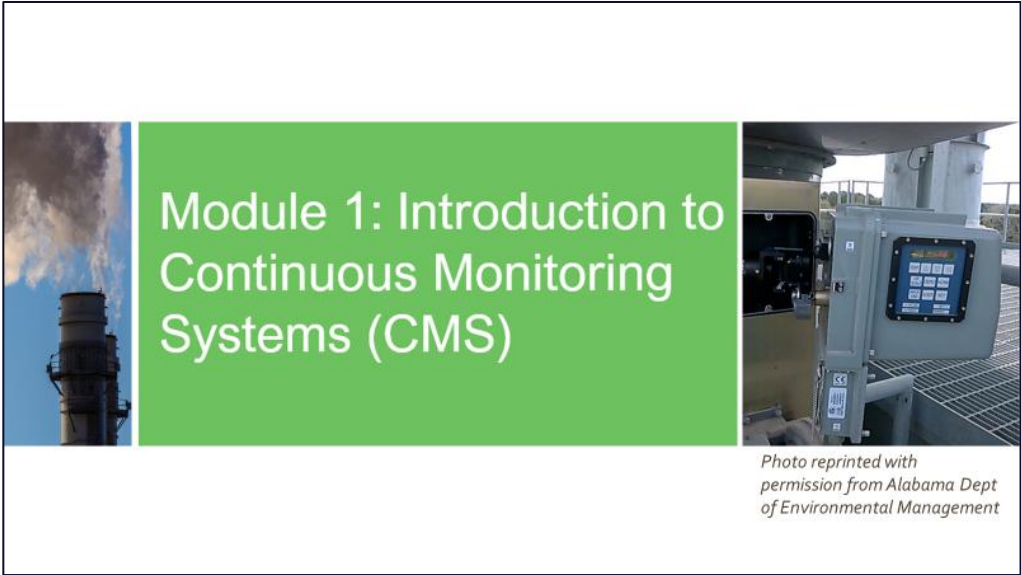
# Module 1: Introduction to CMS

## Module 1 Description:

In Module 1, you will gain a basic understanding of continuous monitoring systems (CMS), including learning about the four different types of CMS. You will learn the reasons why CMS are important, as well as their many uses. Additionally, you will learn about the inclusion of CMS into Federal regulations. This module will introduce performance specifications and quality assurance as it relates to continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS) and the use of CEMS data for enforcement.

## Module 1 Objectives:

- Recognize the different types and uses of CMS
- Identify the regulations that contain CMS requirements
- Recognize, in general, what performance specifications are and how they are used
- Recall enforcement aspects of CMS

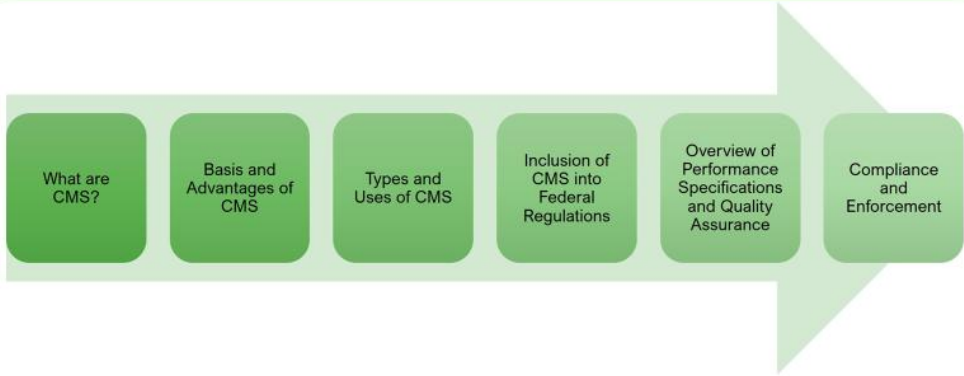


Module 1: Introduction to Continuous Monitoring Systems (CMS)

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The slide features a green background with the title 'Module 1: Introduction to Continuous Monitoring Systems (CMS)' in white text. On the left, there is a photograph of an industrial smokestack emitting a plume of smoke. On the right, there is a photograph of a piece of industrial equipment with a digital display screen showing data.

### Module 1 Outline



What are CMS?    Basis and Advantages of CMS    Types and Uses of CMS    Inclusion of CMS into Federal Regulations    Overview of Performance Specifications and Quality Assurance    Compliance and Enforcement

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The outline is presented as a horizontal flowchart. It consists of six green rounded rectangular boxes arranged in a line, each containing a topic. A large, light green arrow points from left to right behind the boxes, indicating the sequence of the module. The topics are: 'What are CMS?', 'Basis and Advantages of CMS', 'Types and Uses of CMS', 'Inclusion of CMS into Federal Regulations', 'Overview of Performance Specifications and Quality Assurance', and 'Compliance and Enforcement'. The EPA logo is in the bottom left corner and the number '2' is in the bottom right corner.

## Module 1 Learning Objectives

At the end of Module 1, learners will be able to:

- Recognize the different types and uses of CMS
- Identify the regulations that contain CMS requirements
- Recognize, in general, what performance specifications are and how they are used
- Recall enforcement aspects of CMS



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## What are CMS?

*Continuous monitoring systems (CMS)* means “the total equipment, required under the emission monitoring sections in applicable subparts, used to sample and condition (if applicable), to analyze, and to provide a permanent record of emissions...”*40 CFR Part 60*



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## Why CMS?



CMS are required under some of the EPA regulations for either continual compliance determinations or determination of exceedances of the emissions standards.



The individual subparts of the EPA rules specify the reference methods that are used to substantiate the accuracy and precision of the CMS.



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## Basis for CMS Programs



- As a result of the Clean Air Act (CAA), many pollution control devices such as baghouses, scrubbers, and electrostatic precipitators have been installed.
- After the equipment is installed and operating, an air pollution control agency needs to know if the equipment is actually reducing emissions and if the facility is meeting its emissions standards.
- CMS programs are one of the methods used to measure emissions from stationary sources.



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## Basis for CMS Programs (Cont'd)

EPA established two methods to measure concentrations of pollutants from regulated sources:

- 1. EPA Reference Methods
- 2. CMS



## Reference Methods

Reference methods are beneficial, but may have disadvantages when compared to using a CMS:

- Performed infrequently and for a relatively short period of time (hours)
- Often conducted when the source is operating under optimal conditions, which may not result in producing normal, day-to-day emission values



# CMS

CMS have become an important part of a facility's compliance demonstration. The advantages of CMS are:



DATA IS CONTINUOUSLY COLLECTED, IN MOSTLY REAL-TIME

DATA IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS



ALLOW REGULATORY AGENCIES TO DETERMINE CONTINUOUS COMPLIANCE



# CMS Are Used To...

Demonstrate compliance with regulations

Generate data that can be used to develop regulations

Improve emission databases

Monitor control equipment operation

Monitor process operating parameters

Identify periods of excess emissions

Assess control equipment efficiency

Validate emission credits

Provide public assurance



## Types of CMS



- The four types of CMS:
  - Continuous Opacity Monitoring Systems (COMS)
  - Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS)
  - Predictive Emission Monitoring Systems (PEMS)
  - Continuous Emission Rate Monitoring Systems (CERMS)

## Continuous Opacity Monitoring Systems (COMS)



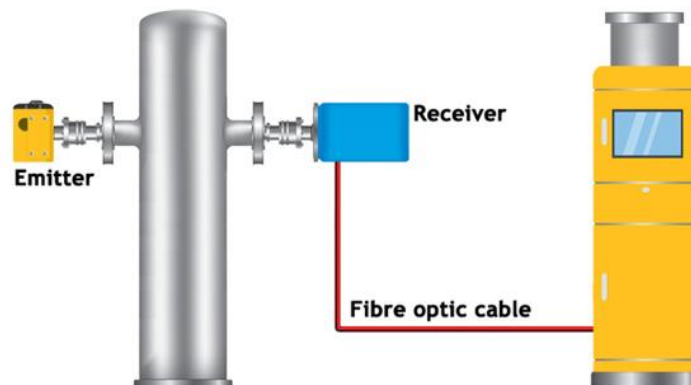
## COMS

- COMS consist of the **total equipment** used to sample, analyze, and provide a permanent record of opacity.
- COMS use light to determine opacity levels.
- Due to absorption and scattering of light by dust, smoke, and/or particulate present in the gas stream, there will be an attenuation of the transmitted light and a decrease in the light intensity that is measured.
- COMS can be “single pass” or “double pass.”



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## COMS (Cont'd)



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## Typical Sources with COMS Requirements

- COMS are typically used by facilities that rely on waste materials, oil, coal, wood, or other fossils fuels for combustion.
- Examples of sources are:
  - Utilities
  - Boilers
  - Flares



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## Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS)



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## CEMS Definition

CEMS consists of the **total equipment** necessary to determine a gas or particulate matter emission concentration.



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## CEMS

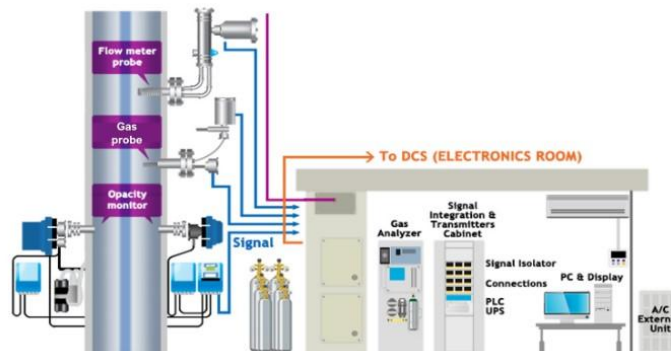
CEMS:

- Continuously measures actual emissions from stationary sources by extracting a sample of gas from the emission source:
  - Sample gas may be filtered, transported, conditioned, or diluted before being presented to the analysis system.
  - Gas concentrations are measured, recorded, and stored as data.
- May also include components for measuring particulate matter, and stack gas flowrate



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## CEMS: Illustrative Example



## Basic CEMS Components

### CEMS consist of the following:

**Sample Interface.** The portion of the system that is used for one or more of the following:  
 sample acquisition,  
 sample transportation,  
 sample conditioning, or  
 protection of the analyzer from the effects of the stack effluent.

**Analyzer/Measurement Method.** The portion of the system that senses the gas or particulate and generates an output proportional to the gas or particulate concentration.

**Data Acquisition System.** The portion of the system that records a permanent record of the measurement values. The data acquisition system, or DAS, may include automatic data reduction capabilities.

## Major Components of CEMS

- Sample Probe
- Filter
- Sample Line (umbilical)
- Gas Conditioning System
- Calibration Gas System
- Gas Analyzers (may include more than one)
- Data Acquisition Systems (DAS)



Data Acquisition System



Extractive Conditioning System



Gas Analyzers



## Cylinders of EPA Certified Gases and CEMS Cabinet



Cylinders of EPA Certified Gases



Inside a CEMS Shelter



Outside a CEMS Shelter



## CEMS Unit Shelter



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## Typical Sources with CEMS Requirements

CEMS are generally required on larger emitting stationary sources. Below are a few examples:

- Utilities
- Cement Plants
- Municipal Waste Combustors
- Nitric and Sulfuric Acid Plants
- Petroleum Refineries
- Copper, Zinc, and Lead Smelters
- Steel and Ferroalloy Plants
- Kraft Pulp Mills
- Glass Manufacturing Plants
- Magnetic Tape Production
- Phosphate Plants



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## Predictive Emission Monitoring Systems (PEMS)



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## PEMS

- The **total equipment necessary** to predict an emission concentration or emission rate.
- The system may consist of any of the following major subsystems: sensors and sensor interfaces, emission model, algorithm, or equation that uses process data to generate an output that is proportional to the emission concentration or emission rate, diluent emission model, data recorder, and sensor evaluation system.



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## PEMS (Cont'd)

- **Software-based system** which uses process values as input variables to provide a real-time estimation of emissions by means of derived mathematical or statistical algorithm
- PEMS are an acceptable regulatory alternative to CEMS for source emission compliance in some regulations.

### Examples of Input Variables



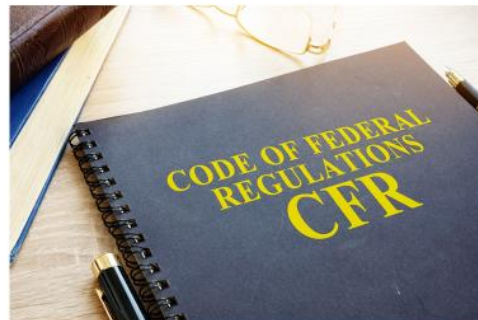
## Continuous Emission Rate Monitoring Systems (CERMS)



## CERMS

- ▶ Is the **total equipment required** for determining and recording the pollutant mass emission rate (in terms of mass per unit of time)
- ▶ Includes the use of a flow rate monitor to measure the volumetric flow rate of the emission stream and generate an output proportional to that flow rate

## CMS in Federal Regulations



## 40 CFR, Part 60 - New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)



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- CAA, Section 111 establishes mechanisms for controlling emissions of air pollutants from stationary sources:
  - Section 111(b) provides authority for EPA to promulgate new source performance standards (NSPS) which apply only to new and modified sources.
  - Section 111(d) requires regulation of existing sources.
- These standards limit the amount of air emissions (SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, etc.) that may be emitted from stack sources.
- The performance specifications and quality assurance procedures for CMS are found in Appendix B and F of 40 CFR, Part 60.

## 40 CFR Part 61 - National Emission Standards For Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)



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- Established under Section 112 of the CAA
- Promulgated prior to November 15, 1990, the date of enactment of the CAA amendments of 1990
- National emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) contained in this part remain in effect until they are amended, and if appropriate, added to Part 63.

## 40 CFR, Part 63 - National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Source Categories



- Established under Section 112 of the 1990 amendments to the CAA
- These standards regulate specific categories of stationary sources that emit (or have the potential to emit) one or more hazardous air pollutants listed in this part.
- The standards in this part are independent of the NESHAP contained in 40 CFR Part 61.



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## 40 CFR, Part 75 – Acid Rain Program



- Established under Title IV of the CAA of 1990
- First national cap and trade program in the country
- Requires major emission reductions of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> from the power sector
- SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> are the primary precursors for acid rain.
- Since Part 75 is handled by EPA's Clean Air Markets Division (CAMD), the Part 75 monitoring requirements are not the focus of this training.



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## Performance Specifications and Quality Assurance



**Performance Specifications** are used for evaluating the acceptability of the CMS at the time of, or soon after installation, or whenever specified in the regulations.



**Quality Assurance (QA)** procedures are used to evaluate the effectiveness of quality control (QC) and the quality of data produced by any CMS that is used for determining compliance with the emission standards as specified in the applicable regulation.



**Performance specifications and QA procedures** can be found in 40 CFR, Part 60 Appendices B and F, respectively.

## Use of CEMS Data for Enforcement

- CEMS can provide accurate data regarding a source's compliance with the emissions limits and standards.
  - CEMS data can be more representative of a source's ongoing compliance status when compared to infrequent performance testing, and
  - CEMS data typically can cover a greater percentage of a source's time in operation.



## Use of CEMS Data for Enforcement (Cont'd)

CEMS data is important to enforcement, irrespective of whether the legal requirement being enforced specifies CEMS as the compliance method.

- The CAA authorizes EPA to bring an administrative, civil, or criminal enforcement action "on the basis of any information available to the administrator."
- The 1997 "Credible Evidence" revisions to 40 CFR Parts 51, 52, 60, and 61 clarified that non-reference test data, including CEMs, can be used for establishing whether or not the source has violated or is in violation of any standard of that part.



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## Enforcement Applications of CEMS



- The governing regulation\* specifies CEMS as the compliance method.
- The governing regulation\* specifies some method other than CEMS as the compliance method, or the governing regulation doesn't specify a compliance method.

\* e.g., 40 CFR Part 60



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## CEMS is the Compliance Method



Required by some NSPS, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS) and State Implementation Plans (SIPs)



Includes data validation requirements



Requires monitoring against emission limits with long averaging time



Data documents compliance against the emissions standard



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## CEMS is not the Compliance Method

CEMS data is “Credible Evidence:”



Data is used for initiating and supporting enforcement cases alleging emissions violations.



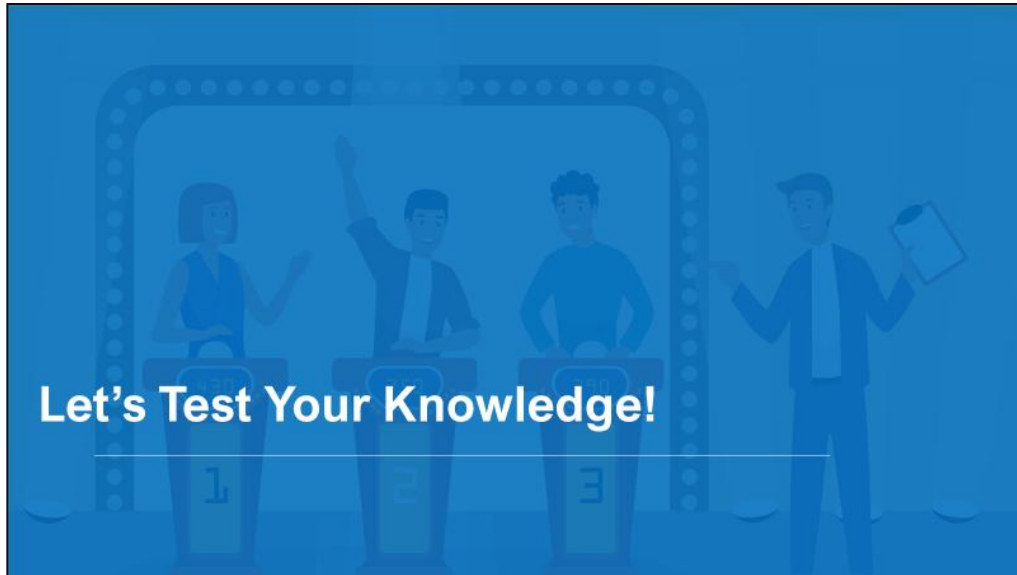
CEMs data may provide a basis to issue a Section 114 request for compliance method data.



CEMs data may be used to enforce operation and maintenance, monitoring and recordkeeping and reporting requirements, when the regulation does not specify a compliance method or an emissions standard (e.g. General Duty Clause).



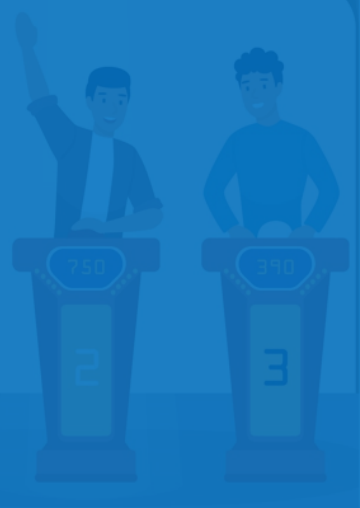
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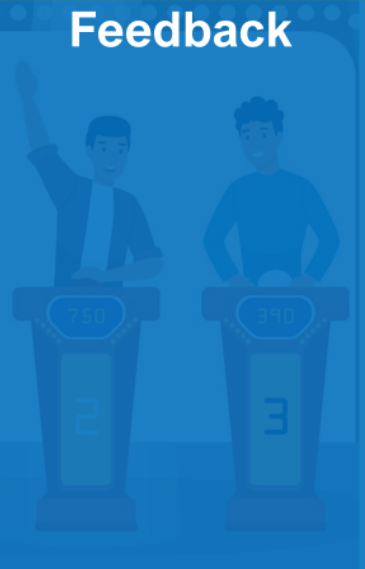
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### Feedback



### Uses of CMS

1. CEMS are used for continuous compliance determinations or determination of exceedances of the standards.  

TrueFalse
2. COMS use light to determine percent opacity.  

TrueFalse
3. PEMS use direct measurements of emissions to determine results.  

TrueFalse
4. CERMS determine and record the pollutant mass emission rate.  

TrueFalse


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### Feedback



### Regulations – Question 1

1. The regulations that detail the monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements of the first national cap and trade program in the US are found in 40 CFR, Part 75- Acid Rain Continuous Emission Monitoring.  

TrueFalse


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**Feedback**



**Regulations – Question 2**

2. Performance specifications and quality assurance procedures for CMS are contained in Appendices B and F of 40 CFR, Part 60 – New Source Performance Standards.

**True**      **False**


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**Feedback**



**Performance Specifications**

1. Performance Specifications are used to evaluate the effectiveness of quality control and the quality of data produced by any CMS.

**True**      **False**

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# Activity

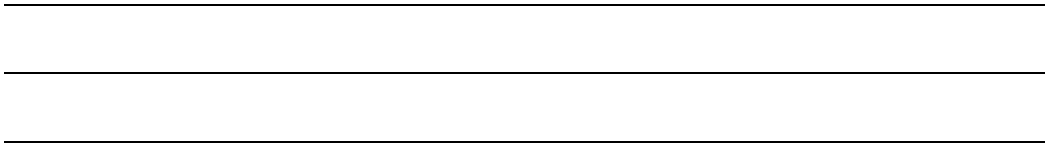


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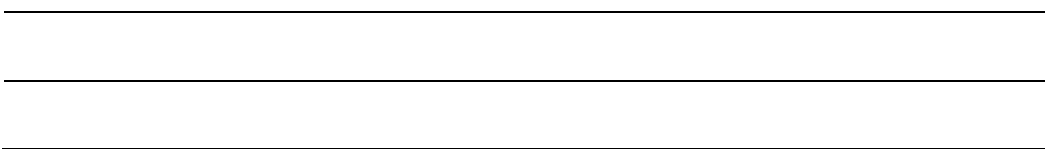
**Purpose:** To become an “expert” on the knowledge learned from Module 1 for an assigned CMS. Share information and help your peers understand and retain this information.

**Time:** 40 minutes

- 20 minutes in groups
- 20 minutes group debrief



# Activity Debrief



# Module 1 Summary

Now that you have completed Module 1, you should be able to:

- Recognize the different types and uses of CMS
- Identify the regulations that contain CMS requirements
- Recognize, in general, what performance specifications are and how they are used
- Recall enforcement aspects of CMS



# **MODULE 2: OVERVIEW OF CMS AND CMS DESIGN AND COMPONENTS**

# Module 2: Overview of CMS and CMS Design and Components

## Module 2 Description:

In Module 2, you will be provided an overview of continuous monitoring systems (CMS) and their components and design. You will learn about opacity and how continuous opacity monitoring systems (COMS) are used. In addition, you will learn about CMS pollutant parameters, extractive and in-situ systems, and CEMS location and siting considerations. This module will also describe how continuous emission rate monitoring systems (CERMS) function.

## Module 2 Objectives:

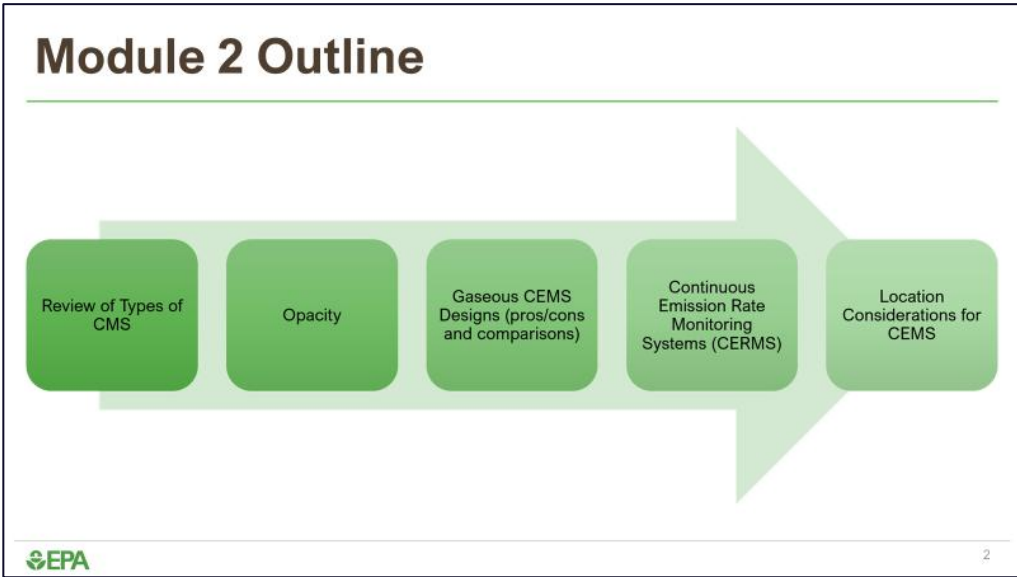
- Define opacity and describe how COMS are used
- Recognize the pollutant parameters measured by CMS
- Distinguish between extractive and in-situ systems
- Describe how CERMS function
- Give examples of CEMS location and siting considerations



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## Module 2 Learning Objectives

At the end of Module 2, learners will be able to:

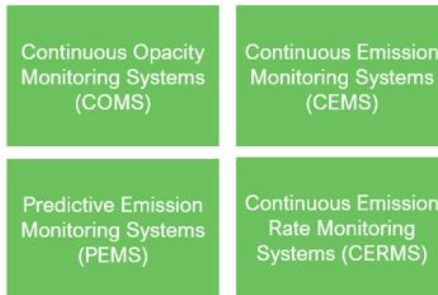
- Define opacity and describe how continuous opacity monitoring systems (COMS) are used
- Recognize the pollutant parameters measured by continuous monitoring systems (CMS)
- Distinguish between extractive and in-situ systems
- Describe how continuous emission rate monitoring systems (CERMS) function
- Give examples of CEMS location and siting considerations



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## Types of CMS

Reminder: There are four main types of CMS. These are:

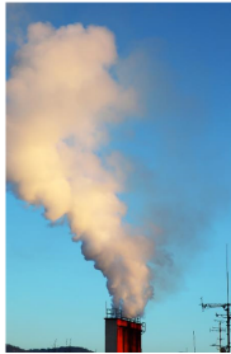


This module will provide an overview of CEMS, COMS and CERMS. PEMS will be covered later in Module 3, when we discuss Performance Specification 16.



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# Pollutant Parameters



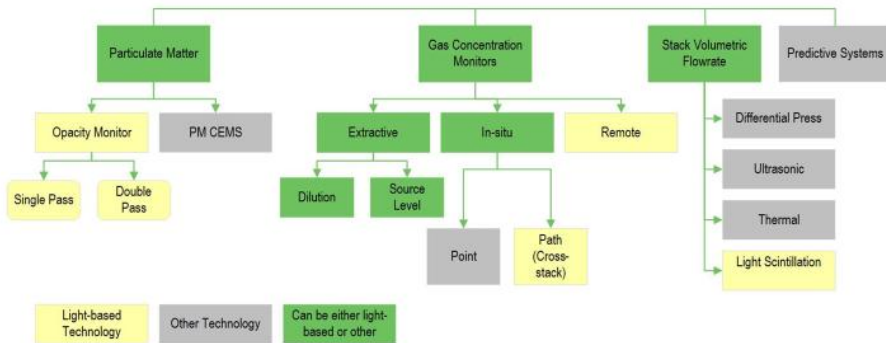
Continuous Monitoring Systems (CMS) may be used to measure the following:

- Opacity
- Sulfur Dioxide
- Nitrogen Oxides
- Carbon Dioxide
- Oxygen
- Carbon Monoxide
- Total Reduced Sulfur
- Stack Flow Rate
- Hydrogen Sulfide
- Volatile Organic Compounds
- Particulate matter
- Ammonia
- Mercury
- Hydrogen Chloride
- (And other pollutants)




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# General Categories of CMS



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# Opacity and COMS




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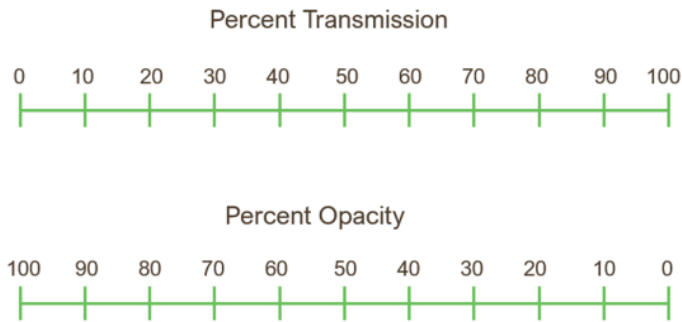
## Opacity – Setting the Stage

- **OPACITY (Op)** → The percentage of light that is attenuated by an optical medium – in our case, the effluent gas stream.
- **TRANSMITTANCE (Tr)** → The percentage of light that is transmitted through an optical medium.  
Therefore,  $Op = 100 - Tr$



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## Transmittance vs. Opacity



## Opacity

- Light is reduced by scattering and absorption by the particles in the stack gas exhaust stream.
- Amount of light reduction is dependent on type, size, and size distribution of particles.
- % opacity is a function of the amount of particulate in the gas stream.
- However, the % opacity cannot, in general, be easily correlated to a specific mass emission rate of PM.

# COMS

Single Pass



Double Pass



- Can be single pass or double pass design (double pass transmissometer).
- Most COMS used for compliance determinations are double pass, which use a light path that is twice the stack diameter.
- Require a means to calibrate and periodically (usually quarterly) audit the COMS.
- Most have a remote display and control panel in the facility control room or CEMS shelter.
- Must have a means to capture, average, and store data measured by the COMS.
- Must have means (most use air blowers) to keep stack gas from impinging on and potentially damaging the lenses of the COMS.



## Basics of CEMS Design

CEMS can be divided into two general categories based on the means by which the sample gas is acquired (captured) and delivered to the analyzer:

### 1. Extractive systems

- Withdraw flue gas from the stack and transport the gas to analyzers.
- An extractive system may be either source-level or dilution.

### 2. In-situ systems

- Have at least some part of their analysis subsystem mounted in the stack in direct contact with the flue gas.



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## General Extractive System – Conditioning Cabinet



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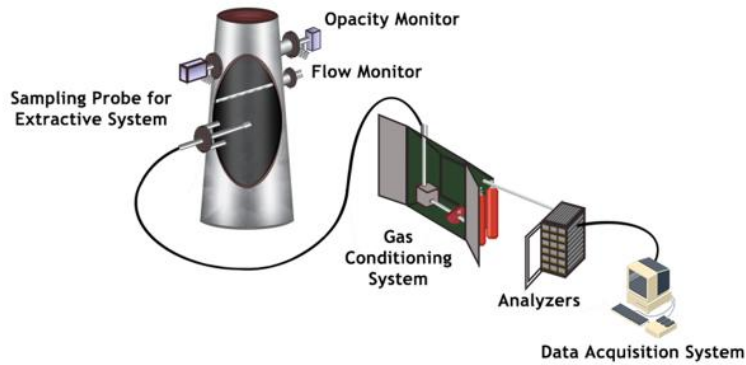
## General Extractive System Components

- Probe
- Particulate Filter
- Sample Conditioning or Dilution
- Sample Line
- Pump
- Controller
- Analyzer
- Data Calculation and Storage



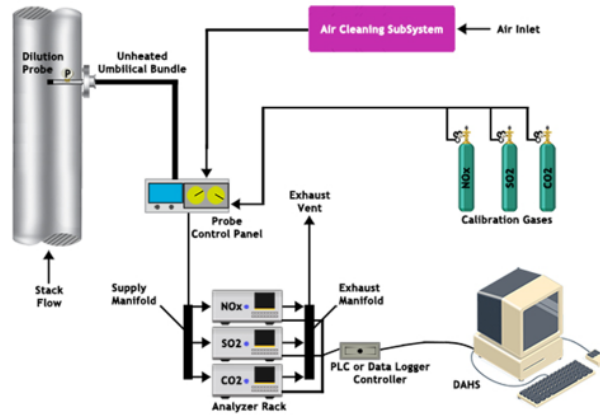
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## Source-Level Extractive System



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# Dilution Extractive Systems



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# Dilution Extractive Systems (Cont'd)



The sample gas is diluted with dry, contamination-free air to a level below the dew point of the diluted sample gas to eliminate condensation in the sample line.

- The diluted sample is measured by pollutant and CO<sub>2</sub> monitors operating at or near ambient concentration ranges to provide concentration measurements on a wet basis.



The concentrations are measured on a wet-basis. With a wet stack volume flowrate measurement, the pollutant mass emission rate can be calculated without a separate stack gas moisture measurement or assumption needed.



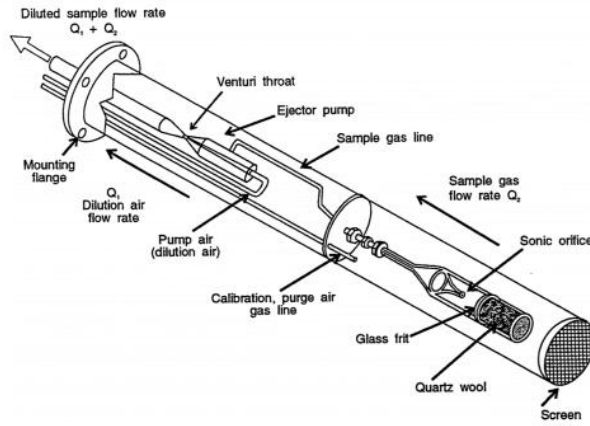
The most unique component of a dilution-extractive system is the dilution sampling probe.

- There are two types, depending on where the dilution occurs:
- In-stack
  - Out of stack

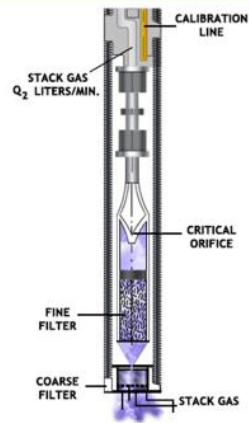


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# Dilution Probe



# Dilution Probe Orifice



## Reasons to Consider Using Dilution Probes

Allows the emissions to be measured on a "wet" basis

Sampling rate of stack gas (~20-50 mL/min) much lower than conventional extractive systems (~2-5 L/min.) resulting in less PM being pulled in with sample

Reduces moisture of the sample gas, thus not requiring gas conditioning system or "heated" sample lines to prevent condensation to analyzer, which results in lower maintenance

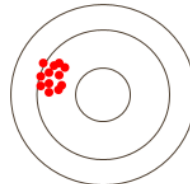
Allows the use of ambient monitors which meet design and performance criteria set by EPA



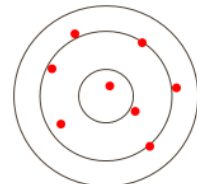
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## Overview of Measurement Bias

- Bias is the amount of systematic error of a measurement system
- Consistent in direction (positive or negative) and magnitude
- Different than a random error



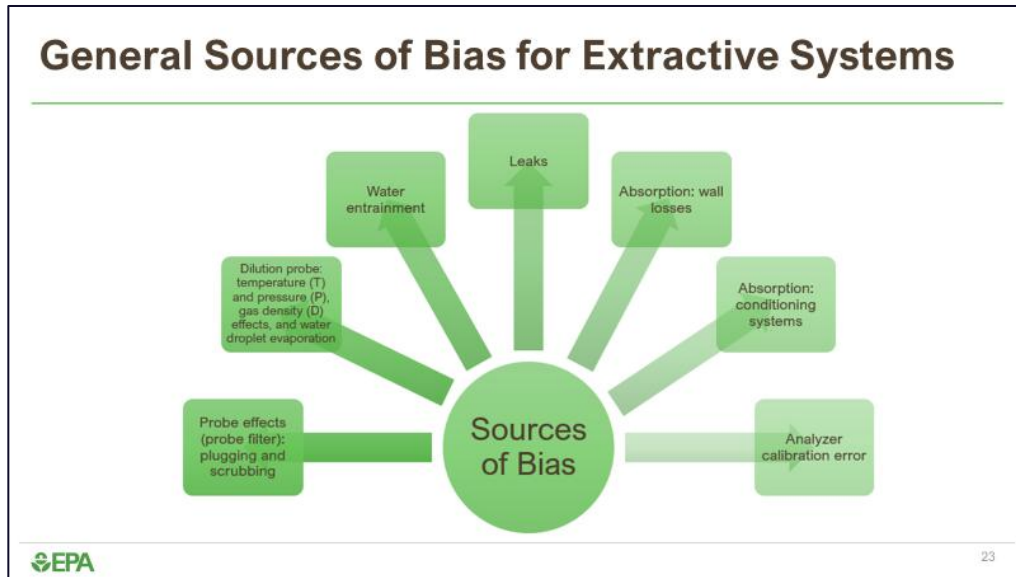
Systematic Error



Random Error



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### Sources of Biases in Dilution Probes

- If installed after wet scrubbers, moisture or aerosols can enter the probe and change the dynamics of dilution, unless the stack gas is adequately filtered, or the probe is sufficiently sloped (one or two degrees downward) to prevent their entrance.
- Dilution probes are affected by changes in stack gas temperature ( $T_s$ ), pressure ( $P_s$ ), and molecular weight (MW), which changes dilution ratio.
- Dilution ratio of a stack gas can change if the MW of the analyzer calibration gas (i.e., “gas blends” vs. “single” gases, and the effect of heavier in a blended gas) is different from the MW of the stack gas.
- Contaminated source “dilution air” can affect dilution ratio or change the measured concentration of the pollutant in the stack gas, either high or low ratio.

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## Considerations for Extractive System Components

Filters	Pumps	Cabinets or Shelters	System Controller	Electrical Support	Calibration Gases
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coarse/Fine</li> <li>• Quality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity</li> <li>• Type</li> <li>• Quality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Temperature Stability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microprocessor To Sequence/Control Automatic Functions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fuses</li> <li>• Circuit Breakers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Injection Point</li> <li>• Gas Certification</li> </ul>

## In-Situ Systems

- Perform analysis at the stack
- Lack of conditioning and transport sub-systems, hence, generally less equipment required than extractive systems
- EPA distinguishes between point and path monitors by the amount of gas stream that the probe is blocking.
- Usually “very small” segment (point), or 1 or 2 diameters (path).

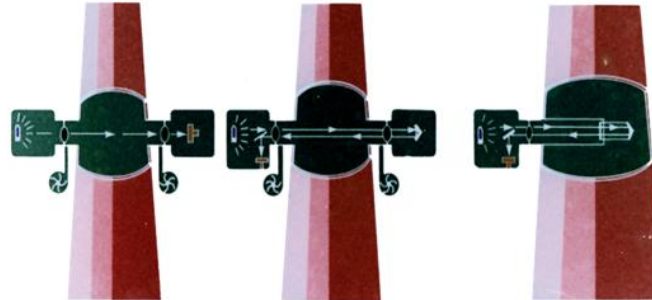
There are two types of in-situ systems:

- **Point systems** – monitor at a single point or along a very short path within the stack.
- **Path systems** (also called “cross stack”) – monitor across a certain path of stack gas.

## In-Situ Monitors

### Cross-Stack (path)

### In-Stack (point)



Single Pass

Double Pass



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## Advantages of Extractive Systems

- ✓ Analyzers can be installed in an accessible, clean environment
- ✓ Ease of maintenance
- ✓ Time sharing capability
- ✓ Allows widest selection of analyzer technologies
- ✓ Can combine more than one analyzer
- ✓ Can remove interfering substances before measurement
- ✓ Gas is measured on a dry or wet basis depending on design



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## Disadvantages of Extractive Systems

Sample transport and conditioning system is expensive to install and operate and has high power requirements, and has potential for pluggage, leaks and condensation problems (both water and acid)

Sample gas conditioning or dilution is required

May alter sample, may inadvertently remove substances of interest from sample gas

Response time of the sampling system may be slow

Has lots of components and a complicated design

Analyzer may have time-lag with high concentrations



## Advantages of In-Situ Systems



### Advantages

- Fast response time
- No sample transport or conditioning
- Simple, less expensive installation
- Less equipment to buy and maintain
- Has few components



### Disadvantages

- Vibration sensitive
- Access for service and maintenance can be difficult
- Limits choice of analyzer
- Does not allow for expansion
- Operates in a potentially harsh environment
- Path type may not be able to be located downstream of sorbent injection or spray dryer systems



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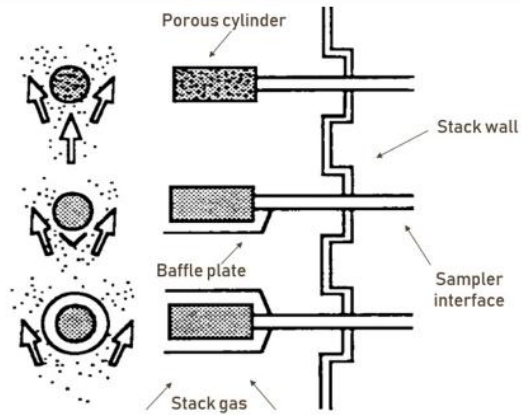
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## CEMS Components

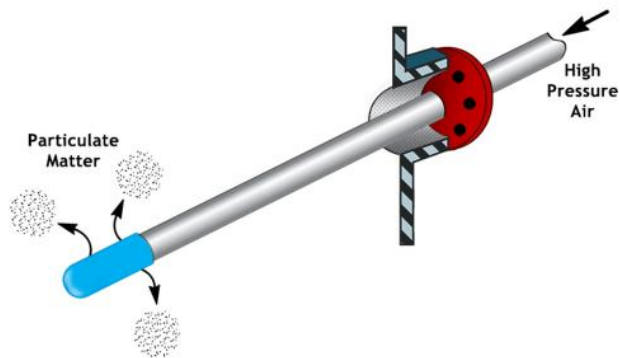


## External Probe Filters



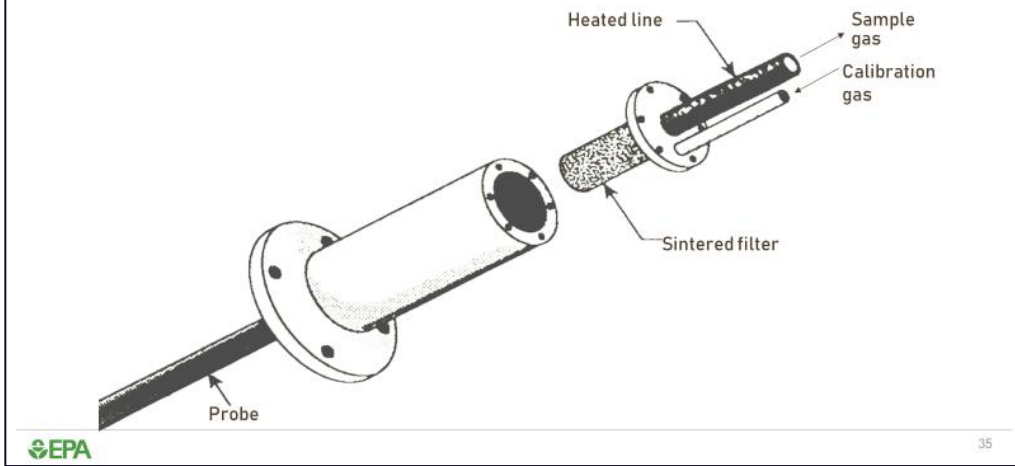
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## Filter Blow Back

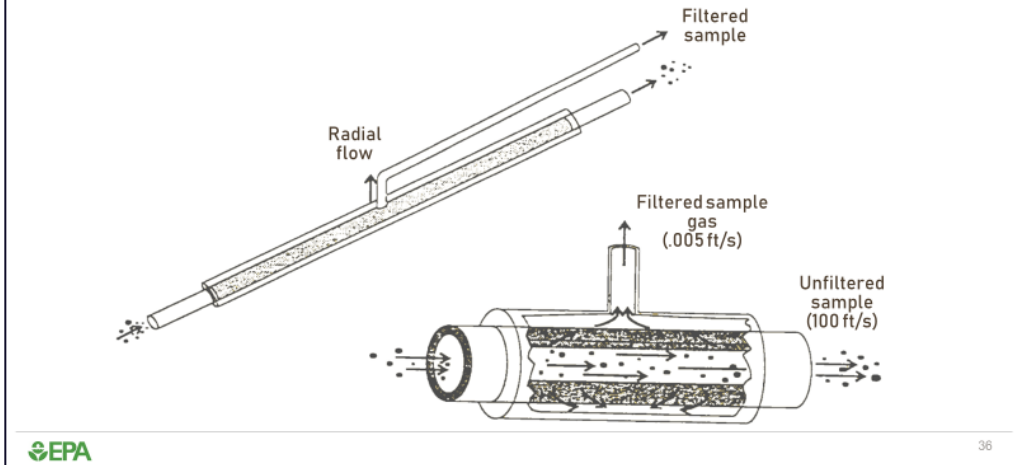


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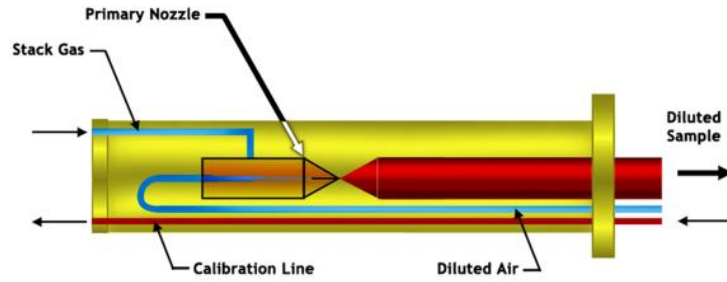
## Internal Course Filter



## Inertial Filter



## Example of How a Dilution Probe Works



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## 1. Let's Test Your Knowledge!


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**Feedback**



**CEMS Design – Question 1**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ systems condition the sample gas before analysis.

- A. In-situ
- B. Opacity
- C. Dilution Extractive
- D. Source Level Extractive


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**Feedback**



**CEMS Design – Question 2**

2. In-situ CEMS require \_\_\_\_\_ equipment for a single sample point compared to extractive CEMS.

- A. More
- B. Less
- C. The same amount of

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**Feedback**

**CEMS Design – Question 3**

3. Transmittance is the percentage of light that is attenuated by an optical medium.

**True**      **False**


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CEMS that Include a Flow Monitor (Continuous Emission Rate Monitoring Systems or CERMS)



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## Continuous Emission Rate Monitoring Systems (CERMS)

CERMS are:

- Used in conjunction with gas concentration measurements, to calculate mass emission rates.
- Required for most sources subject to 40 CFR Part 75.

$$\text{Pollutant Mass Emission Rate (PMER)} = C_s A_s V_s$$

$C_s$  = Concentration

$A_s$  = Stack Area

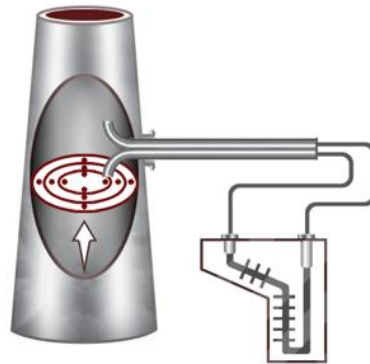
$V_s$  = Stack Gas Velocity

$$\text{lbs/hr} = (\text{lb/ft}^3) (\text{ft}^2) (\text{ft/hr})$$



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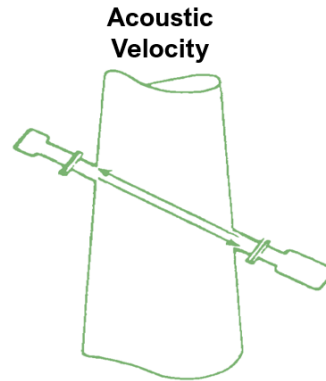
## Differential Pressure Measuring



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## Ultrasonic Flowmeter

An *ultrasonic flowmeter* uses a pair of transmitter/receivers mounted on opposite sides of the stack, with one upstream from the other. The signal is alternated between them, sending it in the direction of stack gas flow, where it is speeded up, and then against the direction of flow, where it is slowed down. The difference in the time between the two signals is proportional to the stack gas velocity.



## Considerations When Choosing a Location for CEMS

Representative Emissions (well-mixed and laminar flow)

Accessibility for routine maintenance and repairs and performance of calibration audits and checks

Sufficient distance from flow disturbances, such as bends from changes in stack/duct diameter, and control equipment

Protection from weather and vibration

For opacity monitoring systems: no condensation inside stack near monitor and no ambient light

For specific requirements, see applicable performance specification.

## Access for Reference Method Testing



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## 2. Let's Test Your Knowledge!


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## Feedback



### CERMS – Question 1

1. For CERMs, the calculation of pollutant mass rate requires velocity measurements.

**True**      **False**


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## Feedback



### CERMS – Question 2

2. A CERMS is used when which of the following is required:

**A. The gas concentration**

**B. The mass emission rate**


**C. Both**

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<h2>Feedback</h2> 	<h2>CEMS</h2> <p>1. Important factor(s) for installation of CEMS is/are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Accessibility</li><li>B. Representativeness</li><li>C. Sufficient distance from flow disturbances</li><li>D. Protection from weather and vibration</li><li>E. All of the above</li></ul> <p>51</p>
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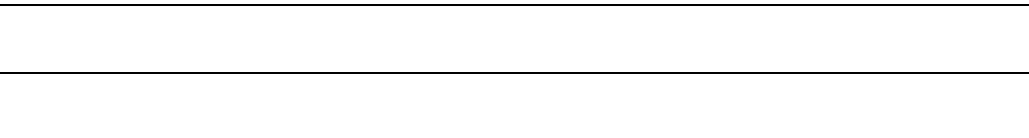
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## Module 2 Summary

Now that you have completed Module 2, you should be able to:

- Define opacity and describe how continuous opacity monitoring systems (COMS) are used
- Recognize the pollutant parameters measured by continuous monitoring systems (CMS)
- Distinguish between extractive and in-situ systems
- Describe how continuous emission rate monitoring systems (CERMS) function
- Give examples of CEMS location and siting considerations



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# **MODULE 3: PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS, QUALITY ASSURANCE, AND COMMONLY USED TECHNOLOGIES**

# Module 3: Performance Specifications, Quality Assurance, and Commonly Used Technologies

## Module 3 Description:

In Module 3, participants will be provided an overview of performance specifications (PS) used for evaluating the acceptability of continuous monitoring systems (CMS) at the time of, or soon after, installation and wherever specified in the regulation. They will also learn about the associated quality assurance (QA) procedures, detailed information about each PS, and commonly used technologies.

## Module 3 Objectives:

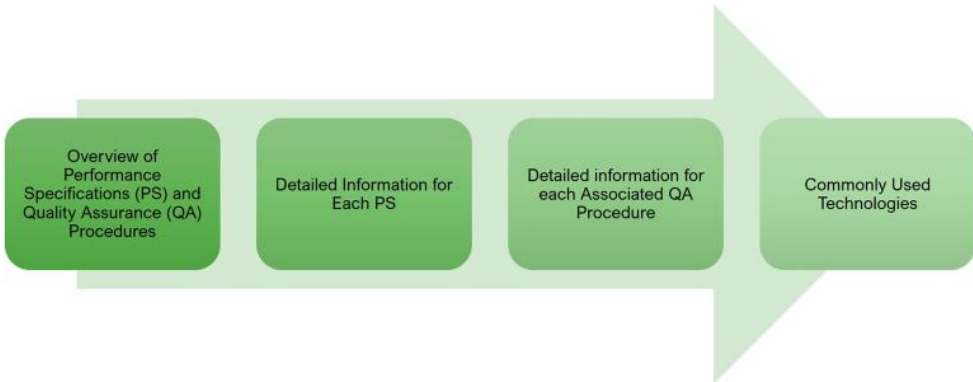
- Define key terms, such as calibration drift (CD), relative accuracy (RA), span value, etc.
- Compare performance specification (PS) and quality assurance (QA) procedures by pollutant, where relevant
- List relevant QA procedures by PS
- Provide examples of technologies that can be used for each PS
- Recognize why predictive emission monitoring systems (PEMS) PS are different from others



Module 3: Performance Specifications, Quality Assurance, and Commonly Used Technologies

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### Module 3 Outline



The outline is presented as a horizontal flowchart within a large light-green arrow shape pointing to the right. It consists of four rounded rectangular boxes containing the following text from left to right:

- Overview of Performance Specifications (PS) and Quality Assurance (QA) Procedures
- Detailed Information for Each PS
- Detailed information for each Associated QA Procedure
- Commonly Used Technologies

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## Module 3 Learning Objectives

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## Introduction to Performance Specifications

Performance specifications are used for evaluating the acceptability of continuous monitoring systems (CMS) at the time of, or soon after, installation and whenever specified in the regulations

Performance specifications are published in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), under Title 40 CFR Appendix B to Part 60

There are a total of 19 performance specifications. Most, but not all are pollutant specific

For those performance specifications that are pollutant-specific, this module covers commonly used technologies for analysis as well as QA



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## Introduction to Performance Specifications (Cont'd)



Performance specifications are **not** designed to evaluate the installed CMS performance over an extended period of time.

Ongoing QA requirements are covered under 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix F.



The source owner or operator is responsible for calibrating, maintaining, and operating the CMS properly.



It should be noted that in many cases, the definitions, installation, and measurement location specifications, calculations and data analysis, and reference for the PS are the same as in PS-2, which we provide details for later in this presentation.

If these details differ, specific details will be provided for the relevant PS.



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## Introduction to Quality Control and Quality Assurance

### 1. Quality Control

- Quality control (QC) is the procedures, policies, and corrective actions necessary to ensure product quality.

### 2. Quality Assurance

- Quality assurance (QA) procedures are used to evaluate the effectiveness of QC and the quality of data produced by any CEMS that are used for determining compliance with the emission standards on a continuous basis as specified in the applicable regulation.
- These procedures are pollutant-specific and published in Appendix F of 40 CFR 60.



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## Technology Neutral

- The majority of the performance specification and QA procedures do not specify the use of a specific measurement technology or are technology neutral.
- This means that any sampling system using any technology that can, after being installed at the sampling location, pass the requirements of the PS and QA procedures is acceptable.



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## To Be Covered....

PS	Pollutants Covered	QA Procedure
PS-1	Opacity – Continuous Opacity Monitoring Systems (COMS)	Procedure 3
PS-2	Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ) and Oxides of Nitrogen (NO <sub>x</sub> )	Procedure 1
PS-3	Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> ) and Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	Procedure 1
PS-4, 4A and 4B	Carbon Monoxide (CO) for PS-4 and 4A; and CO and O <sub>2</sub> for PS-4B	Procedure 1
PS-5	Total Reduced Sulfur (TRS)	
PS-6	Flow Rate – Continuous Emission Rate Monitoring Systems (CERMS)	
PS-7	Hydrogen Sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S)	
PS-8	Volatile Organic Carbon (VOC)	
PS-8A	Total Hydrocarbons (THC)	
PS-9	Gas Chromatography (GC)	
PS-11	Particulate Matter (PM)	Procedure 2
PS-12A and 12B	Mercury (Hg)	Procedure 5
PS-15	Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR)	
PS-16	PEMS	
PS-18	Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	Procedure 6



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## Setting the Stage: Commonly Used Terms

### Centroid Area

- Centroid area is a concentric area that is geometrically similar to the stack or duct cross section and is no greater than 1% of the stack or duct cross-sectional area.

### Measurement Range

- Measurement range is the full range of values that an analyzer is capable of measuring.

### Span Value

- Span values is the calibration portion of the measurement range as specified in the applicable regulation or other requirement.



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## Setting the Stage: Calibration Error and Calibration Drift

### Calibration Error

- Calibration error (CE) is the difference between the concentration indicated by the CEMS and the known concentration generated by a calibration source when the entire CEMS (including the sampling interface) is challenged; CE test is performed to document the accuracy and linearity of the CEMS over the entire measurement range.

### Calibration Drift

- Calibration drift (CD) is the difference in the CEMS output readings from the established reference value after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.



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## Setting the Stage: Response Time and Out-of-Control

### Response Time

- Response time is the time interval between the start of a step change in the system input and when the pollutant analyzer output reaches 95% of the final value.

### Out-of-Control

- An out-of-control (OOC) period occurs when a CEMS fails to meet the performance requirements. During an OOC period the data generated may not be used.



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## Quality Assurance Procedure Audits

Audit procedures are critical for verifying proper performance of the monitoring systems and identifying problems which may lead to inaccurate emissions accounting.

There are four main types of audits discussed in QA procedures:

Relative Accuracy  
Test Audit (RATA)

Cylinder Gas Audit  
(CGA)

Calibration Drift  
Assessment

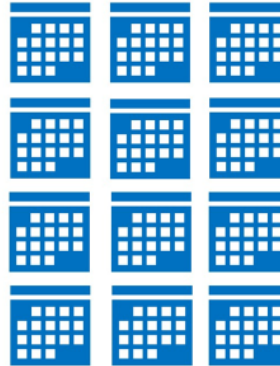
Relative Accuracy  
Audit (RAA)



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## What is a Relative Accuracy Test Audit?

- The **ANNUAL** comparative evaluation of the CEMS performance using a RM
- Consists of:
  - 9 or more RM test runs
  - Usually 21 minutes in duration



## What is a Cylinder Gas Audit?

- Usually performed **QUARTERLY** – in three of four quarters, annually
- With RATA conducted in the fourth quarter
- Gases needed and methodology used are found in applicable QA procedure
- Audit gases must be certified by or traceable to National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)



## What is a Calibration Drift Assessment?

- The **DAILY** check of the difference in the CEMS readings from a known value, usually a calibration gas
- Performed to demonstrate the stability of the CEMS calibration – how does it fluctuate over time?
- Initial certification usually requires a 7-day drift test
- Daily drift test required for ongoing operation



## What is a Relative Accuracy Audit?

- An alternative **QUARTERLY** audit procedure which correlates the CEMS data to simultaneously collected RM data
- Performed like a RATA, but only requires three RM test runs
- Not used very often, but is an option



## Performance Specification 1 (PS-1)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Continuous Opacity Monitoring Systems (COMS) in Stationary Sources



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## PS-1 Requirements

- PS-1 contains requirements for:
  - Manufacturers
  - Owners/operators
    - Installation
    - Performance test requirements



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## Requirements for Manufacturers

Opacity manufacturers must comply with a comprehensive series of design and performance specifications and test procedures to certify opacity monitoring equipment before shipment to the end user.



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## Requirements for Owners/Operators: Installation

Install COMS at a location where the opacity measurements are representative of the total emissions from the affected source:

- 4 duct diameters downstream from any disturbance
- 2 duct diameters upstream from any disturbance
- Condensed H<sub>2</sub>O vapor is not present

**NOTE:** Additionally, installed COMS must be accessible for maintenance.



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### Requirements for Owners/Operators: Performance Tests

#### Calibration Error Check

- A three-point CE check
- Criteria: <3% opacity

#### Optical Alignment Assessment

- Verify and record that all alignment indicator devices show proper alignment
- Criteria: Is it aligned?



### Requirements for Owners/Operators: Performance Tests (Cont'd)

#### System Response Time

- Measure the amount of time needed for a 95% step change in the COMS data recorder
- Criteria:  $\leq 10$  sec

#### Averaging Period Calculation and Recording Check

- Following the CE check, conduct a check of the averaging period calculation and recording
- Criteria:
  - Averaging period check  $\pm 2\%$  opacity
  - Data recorder: resolution  $\leq 0.5\%$  opacity



## Operational Test Period



- Total time of 168 hours (7-day drift test) at normal operation
  - Includes shut-downs, if normal occurrences, but total operating time during the test must be 168 hours
  - Batch cycles must include at least one full batch cycle

### Procedure 3 – Quality Assurance Requirements for Continuous Opacity Monitoring Systems at Stationary Sources

#### What are the basic functions of Procedure 3?

- Assessment of the quality of your COMS data
- Control and improvement of the quality of your COMS data by implementing QC requirements and corrective actions
- Requires:
  - Daily instrument drift checks
  - Status indicator checks
  - Quarterly performance audits
    - Optical alignment
    - CE
    - Zero compensation
  - Annual zero alignment

## Procedure 3 - Limitations

Opacity cannot be measured accurately in the presence of condensed water vapor. Thus, COMS opacity compliance determinations cannot be made when condensed water vapor is present, such as downstream of a wet scrubber without a reheater or at other saturated flue gas locations.



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## Procedure 3 – Required Quality Control Program

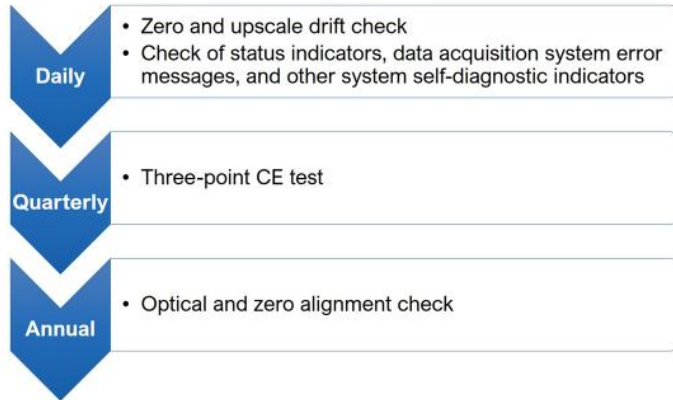


- A QC program must, at a minimum, include written procedures which describe in detail complete step-by-step procedures and operations for these activities:
  - Performing drift checks,
  - Performing quarterly performance audits,
  - Checking the zero alignment of the COMS, and
  - Corrective action for a malfunctioning COMS.
- It is required to keep the QA/QC written procedures on site and available for inspection by Federal, state, and/or local enforcement agencies.



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## Procedure 3 – Auditing Requirements



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## Procedure 3 – Limits for Excessive Inaccuracy

### Excessive zero or upscale drift

- Your COMS is out-of-control if either the zero drift check or upscale drift check exceeds twice the applicable drift specification in PS-1 for any one day.

### Excessive zero alignment

- Your COMS is out-of-control if the zero alignment error exceeds 2 percent opacity.

### Quarterly performance audit

- Your COMS is out-of-control if the results of a quarterly performance audit indicate noncompliance with the following criteria:
  - The optical alignment indicator does not show proper alignment,
  - The zero compensation exceeds 4 percent opacity, or
  - The calibration error exceeds 3 percent opacity.

**Note:** You must adhere to the data capture criterion specified in the applicable subpart.



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## Procedure 3 – Corrective Actions

A corrective action program must be in place to address the repair and/or maintenance of your COMS. The corrective action program must:

- Address routine/preventative maintenance and various types of analyzer repairs, and
- Establish what diagnostic testing must be performed to ensure that the COMS is collecting valid, quality-assured data.

**NOTE:** Recommended maintenance and repair procedures and diagnostic testing after repairs may be found in an associated guidance document.

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## Opacity Transceiver

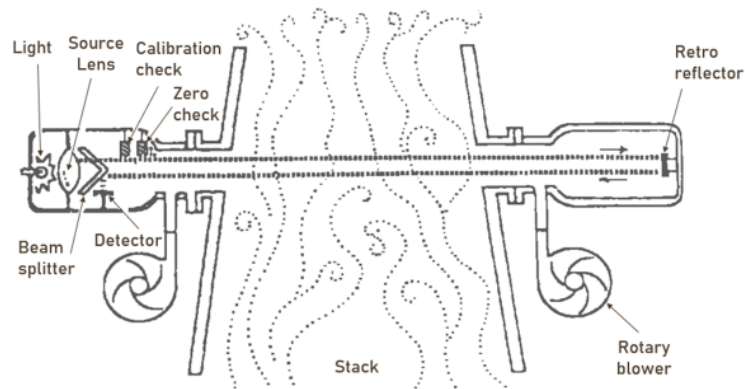


## Commonly Used Technology - Transmissometry

### Transmissometry

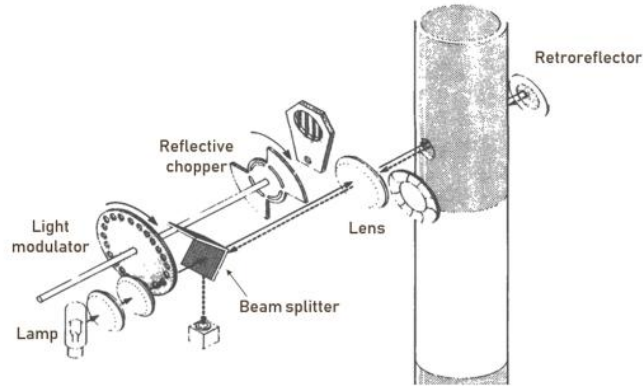
- The measurement of the amount of light that can be transmitted through a stack exhaust.
  - The intensity of the light is attenuated by scattering and absorption by PM in the stack exhaust.
  - The amount of attenuation is measured as percent opacity, and is a function of the amount, type, and distribution of PM in the stack gas.

## Double Pass Transmissometer



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## Double Pass Transmissometer (Cont'd)



Courtesy of Janke 1984




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## Feedback



### PS-1 and Procedure 3

1. What are the requirements of the CD test under PS-1?  

[Check Answer](#)
  
2. How is system response time determined?  

[Check Answer](#)
  
3. What is the OOC period for each audit in procedure 3?  

[Check Answer](#)
  
4. What are the responsibilities of the opacity monitor manufacturer?  

[Check Answer](#)

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## Performance Specification 2 (PS-2)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) in Stationary Sources



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## Overview of PS-2

- Evaluates the acceptability of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> CEMS at the time of installation or soon after
  - The CEMS may include, a diluent (O<sub>2</sub> or CO<sub>2</sub>) monitor
- Includes installation and measurement specifications as well as requirements for:
  - 7-day CD test
  - RATA

**NOTE:** PS-2 serves as the framework for most other performance specifications.



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## CEMS Installation and Measurement Location Specifications

- Must be accessible and representative.
- At least two equivalent diameters downstream and one-half an equivalent diameters upstream from any flow disturbance
- Not required that RM sampling location to be the same as CEMS location



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## Calibration Drift Test



Determine the magnitude of the CD each day for 7 consecutive calendar days.



Conducted at the zero and span values.



Must not deviate from the reference value by more than 2.5% of the span value



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## Relative Accuracy Test Audit



Conduct the RATA while the facility is operating at more than 50% of normal load.



Evaluate system performance by comparing to independent RM



Select appropriate sampling location.



To determine if stratification is present:

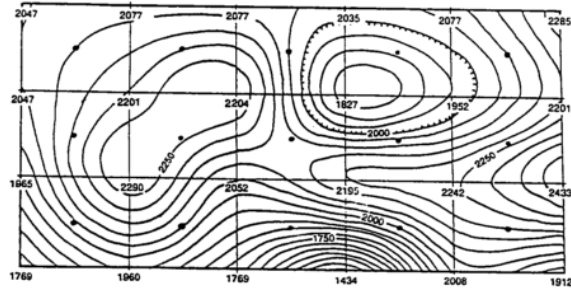
- Use 9 sample points in the cross section, for rectangular ducts.
- Use 12-point traverse, for circular ducts.



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## Determining if Stratification Exists

- Calculate the mean value of all the sample points
- Find the difference between the mean value and each individual sample value
- If the mean pollutant concentration is more than 10% different from any single sample point, then stratification exists
  - Must use the points located at 16.7, 50.0, and 83.3 % of the entire measurement line
- Conduct all necessary RM tests within 3 cm (1.2 in.) of the traverse points, but no closer than 3 cm (1.2 in.) to the stack or duct wall



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## Reference Method Traverse Points Minimum Requirements

Establish a measurement line through the stack centroid that includes three traverse points at:

- 16.7,
- 50.0, and
- 83.3% of the duct/stack diameter

If a measurement line is longer than 2.4 m (7.8 ft) and stratification is not expected, then use traverse points at:

- 0.4,
- 1.2, and
- 2m from stack/duct wall for the traverse points.

**Note:** This option cannot be used with a wet scrubber or at points where two streams with different pollutant concentrations combine.



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## Relative Accuracy Test Audit Procedure

**Number of RM Tests:**

- Conduct a minimum of nine test runs
- Data from all test runs must be reported, including the rejected runs

**Calculate:**

- Mean difference between the RM and CEMS values in the units of the emission standard,
- Standard deviation,
- Confidence coefficient, and
- RA according to the procedures in section 12.0.



## Relative Accuracy Performance Criteria

	Calculate...	Relative Accuracy Criteria
If average emissions during the RATA are $\geq 50\%$ of emission standard	Use Eq. 2-6, with RM in the denominator	$\leq 20\%$
If average emissions during the RATA are $< 50\%$ of emission standard	Use Eq. 2-6, emission standard in the denominator	$\leq 10\%$
For SO <sub>2</sub> emission standards $\leq 130$ but $\geq 86$ ng/J (0.30 and 0.20 lb/million Btu)	Use Eq. 2-6, emission standard in the denominator	$\leq 15\%$
For SO <sub>2</sub> emission standards $< 86$ ng/J (0.20 lb/million Btu)	Use Eq. 2-6, emission standard in the denominator	$\leq 20\%$

**Procedure 1 – Quality Assurance Requirements for Gas CEMS Used for Compliance Determination**

**What are the basic functions of Procedure 1?**

- Evaluates the effectiveness of QA/QC procedures and the quality of data produced by any CEMS used for determining compliance
- Specifies the minimum QA requirements necessary for the control and assessment of the quality of CEMS data submitted
- Consists of two distinct and equally important functions:
  - The assessment of the quality of the CEMS data by estimating accuracy
  - The control and improvement of the quality of the CEMS data by implementing QC policies and corrective actions



**Procedure 1 – Checks/Auditing Requirements**

**Daily Checks**

- CD at two concentration values – zero and high-level

**Quarterly Checks**

- CGA – if applicable, may be conducted in three of four calendar quarters, but in no more than three quarters in succession
- RAA – may be conducted three of four calendar quarters, but in no more than three quarters in succession
- Other Alternative Audits – may be conducted as approved by the administrator for three of four calendar quarters

**Annual Checks**

- RATA – conducted at least once every four calendar quarters except for other alternative audits



## Procedure 1 – Performance Criteria

### Calibration Drift

- Must not exceed twice the applicable drift specification found in Appendix B for five consecutive days, or four times the applicable drift specification in Appendix B (i.e., 2.5%) on any one day. If so, the CEMS is considered OOC

### Cylinder Gas Audit

- Must be less than  $\pm 15\%$  of the average audit value or  $\pm 5$  ppm, whichever is greater, or the CEMS is OOC

### Relative Accuracy Test Audit

- Same as the RA requirement in the applicable PS or the CEMS is OOC



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## Commonly Used Technologies: Pulsed Fluorescence and Chemiluminescence Analyzer

### Pulsed Fluorescence

- Uses the property of  $\text{SO}_2$  molecules to absorb ultraviolet (UV) light and become excited at one wavelength, then decay to a lower energy state emitting UV light at a different wavelength, the measured emitted light corresponding to the concentration of  $\text{SO}_2$  in the sample gas
  - The pulsing of the UV source lamp allows the analyzer to use both the light and dark phases of the pulsed light to continuously detect and correct for electronic noise, and to measure lower pollutant concentrations.

### Chemiluminescence Analyzer

- Uses the light-emitting chemical reaction of NO and analyzer-generated ozone to measure the concentration of the NO in a gas sample. A successive measurement of the NO, plus NO converted from the  $\text{NO}_2$  in the sample, gives a total NOx measurement; the difference between the two measurements is equal to the  $\text{NO}_2$  concentration in the sample.



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# SO<sub>2</sub> Analyzer

- Microprocessor control
- SO<sub>2</sub> specific
- Reflective UV filtering
- Hermetically sealed UV lamp
- No consumables



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# SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor

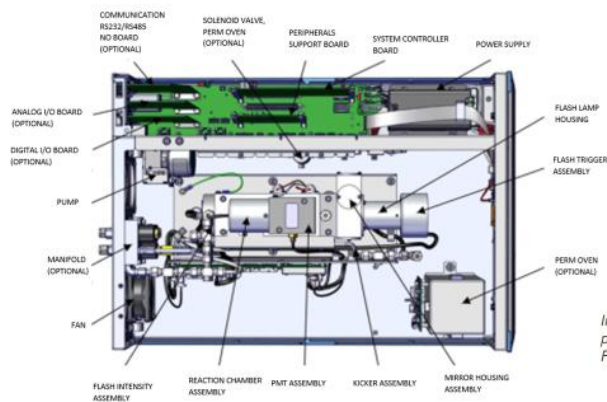


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## Chemiluminescence NO<sub>x</sub> Analyzer



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## How is NO<sub>x</sub> Measured?

Chemiluminescence Technique



Intensity of emitted light is proportional to NO concentration



# NO<sub>x</sub> Monitor

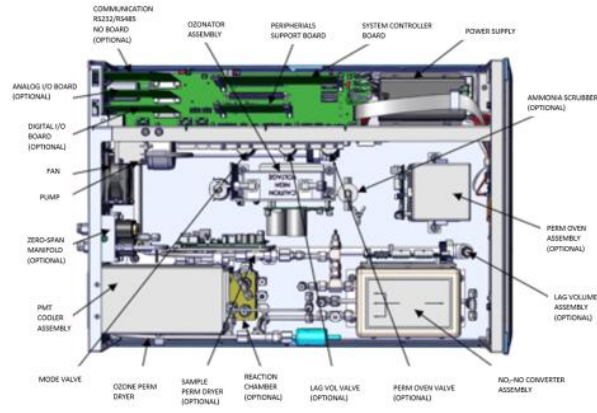


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**Feedback**



**PS-2 – Question 1**

1. During the PS-2 seven-day CD test, most plants must be operating more than \_\_\_\_\_% of normal plant load.

- A. 50
- B. 75
- C. The plant does not have to be operating for this test.
- D. No operating load is specified.


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**Feedback**



**PS-2 – Question 2**

2. During preliminary testing, you see the mean pollutant concentration has a 25% difference from some of the sample points. Is the source stratified or not stratified?

- A. Stratified
- B. Not stratified


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**Feedback**



**PS-2 – Question 3**

3. The relative accuracy test audit, or RATA, must be passed prior to installation of the CEMS.

**True**      **False**


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**Feedback**



**Procedure 1**

1. Name three types of quarterly audits.  
**Check Answer**
2. When should a RATA be performed?  
**Check Answer**
3. What are the QC requirements of procedure 1?  
**Check Answer**

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## Performance Specification 3 (PS-3)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) and Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



## Overview of PS-3

Evaluating acceptability of O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> CEMS at the time of installation or soon after and whenever specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations

Most aspects of this PS are the same as PS-2, with the exception of CD performance criteria and RA performance criteria.

### Calibration Drift and Relative Accuracy Performance Criteria – PS-3

#### Calibration Drift Performance Criteria

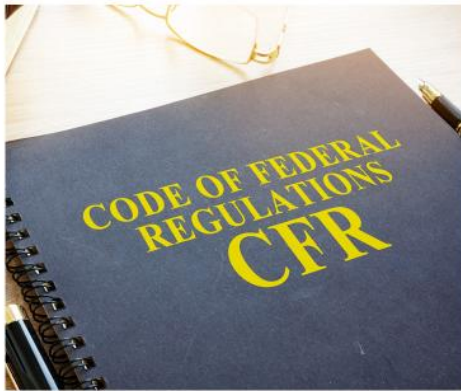
- <0.5% O<sub>2</sub> or CO<sub>2</sub> from the reference value, or the CEMS is considered OOC.

#### Relative Accuracy Performance Criteria

- <20% of the mean value of the RM data; or the difference between the RM and plant CEM is less than or equal to 1.0% O<sub>2</sub> (or CO<sub>2</sub>)
- If one of these criteria is not met for the RATA, the CEMS is considered OOC.



### Quality Assurance Procedure 1

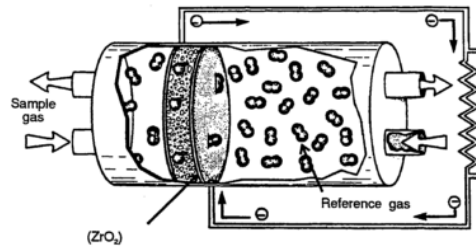


- PS-2, 3, and 4 use QA procedure 1.
- For more information, review slides under PS-2.



## Commonly Used Technologies for PS-3

A zirconium oxide  $O_2$  analyzer is an electrochemical cell which is porous to  $O_2$  when heated to high temperature, allowing the  $O_2$  to pass from the high concentration side (reference) to low concentration side (sample) and generating a voltage proportional to the difference in  $O_2$  concentrations.



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## Commonly Used Technologies for PS-3: $O_2$ & $CO_2$ Analyzer

$O_2$  &  $CO_2$  Analyzer



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### Commonly Used Technologies for PS-3: Paramagnetic O<sub>2</sub> Analyzer and Non-Dispersive Infrared

#### Paramagnetic O<sub>2</sub> Analyzer

- In a paramagnetic O<sub>2</sub> analyzer, a sample gas containing O<sub>2</sub> is drawn into two parallel sample paths, one passing through a magnetic field and one not. The O<sub>2</sub> is attracted into the magnetic field path, with the rest of the sample being split between the two paths, and the difference between the two measured gas flow rates is proportional to the O<sub>2</sub> content of the sample.

#### Non-Dispersive Infrared

- Non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) is a type of infrared (IR) absorption spectroscopy using parallel sample and reference (non-absorbing) cells.
- It is one of the most commonly used IR methods.
- The IR light is filtered for a specific wavelength that is absorbed by CO<sub>2</sub>, and the difference in intensity of that specific IR wavelength after passing through each of the two cells is proportional to the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the sample gas.



### Performance Specification 4 (PS-4)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Carbon Monoxide (CO) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



## Overview of PS-4



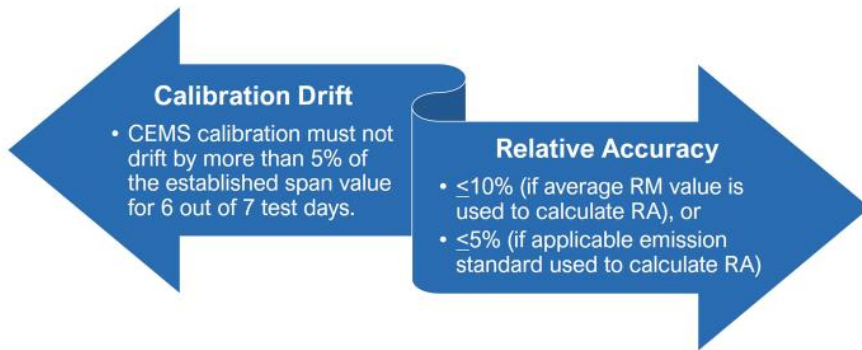
Evaluating the acceptability of carbon monoxide (CO) continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS) at the time of installation or soon after and whenever specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations

This specification was developed primarily for CEMS having span values of 1,000 ppmv CO

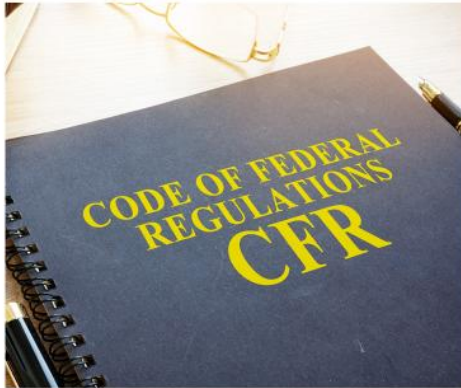
Most aspects of this PS are the same as PS-2, with the exception of CD performance criteria and RA performance criteria.



## Calibration Drift and Performance Specification Criteria – PS-4



## Quality Assurance - Procedure 1



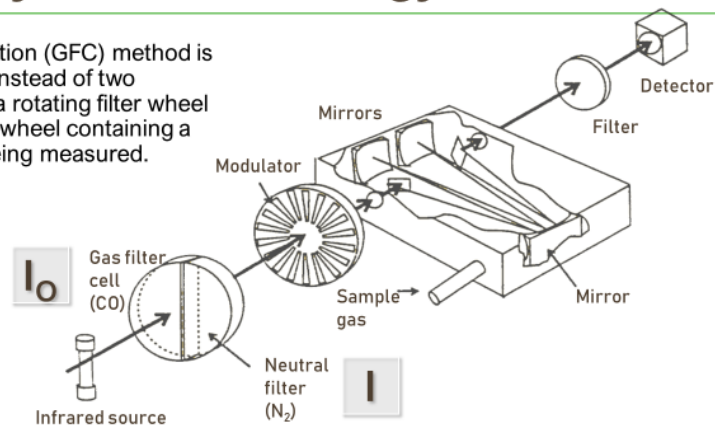
- PS-2, 3, and 4 use QA procedure 1.
- For more information, review slides under PS-2.



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## Commonly Used Technology for PS-4

The gas filter correlation (GFC) method is similar to NDIR, but instead of two parallel cells it uses a rotating filter wheel with a section of the wheel containing a sample of the gas being measured.



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## Feedback

### PS-3

1. For PS-3, CEMS calibration must not drift by more than \_\_\_\_\_ O<sub>2</sub> or CO<sub>2</sub> from the reference value.

A. 0.02%
B. 0.5%
C. 0.1%
D. 1%

2. Name three commonly used O<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> analyzer technologies.

Check Answer

3. The results of a RATA are considered valid if the calculated relative accuracy is less than \_\_\_\_\_, or if the RA is less than or equal to \_\_\_\_\_ when the applicable emission standard is used.

A. 20.0% and 1.0%
C. 20.0 ppm and 5.0 ppm

B. 15.0% and 5.0%
D. 15.0% and 1.0%

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## Feedback



### PS-4 – Question 1, 2

1. For PS-4, CEMS calibration must not drift by more than \_\_\_\_ CO from the reference value.

A. 1%
B. 1.5%
C. 3.5%
D. 5%


2. For PS-4, the results of a RATA test are considered valid if the calculated relative accuracy is less than \_\_\_\_, or if the RA is less than or equal to \_\_\_\_ when the applicable emission standard is used.

A. 10% and 5%
C. 20% and 1%

B. 15% and 5%
D. 10% and 1%

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## Feedback



### PS-4 – Question 3, 4

3. Name two commonly used CO analyzer technologies.

Check Answer

4. PS-4 was primarily written to be used for CO analyzers with what span?

Check Answer

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## Performance Specification 4A (PS-4A)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Carbon Monoxide (CO) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



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## PS-4A Overview

- PS-4A is for evaluating the acceptability of CO CEMS at the time of installation or soon after and whenever specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations.
  - The main difference between this PS and PS-4 is that it was developed primarily for CEMS that comply with low emission standards (less than 200 ppmv).



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## PS-4A Requirements

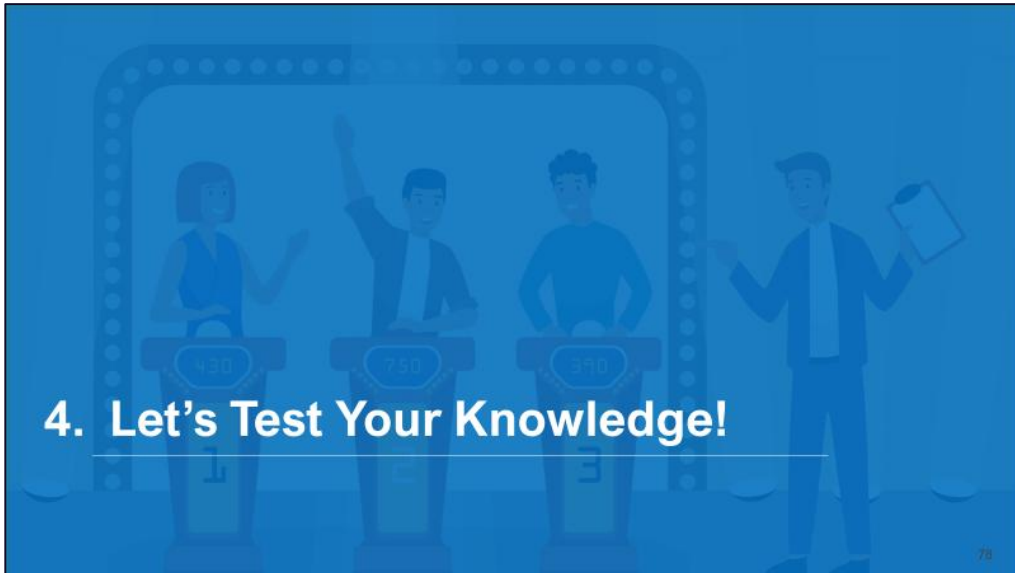


- Most aspects of this PS are the same as PS-2, with the exception of:
  - CD performance criteria - same as PS-4, refer to previous slides
  - RA performance criteria - same as PS-4, refer to previous slides
  - Response time
    - The CEMS response time shall not exceed 240 seconds to achieve 95% of the final stable value.
- Reference methods for PS-4A are 10, 10A, and 10B

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## Feedback



### PS-4A

1. For PS-4A, the results of a RATA test are considered valid if the calculated RA is less than \_\_\_\_, or if the RA is less than or equal to \_\_\_\_ when the applicable emission standard is used.

A. 10% and 5%

C. 20% and 1%

B. 10 ppm and 5 ppm

D. 10% and 1%

2. Name three reference methods that are associated with PS-4A.

Check Answer

3. PS-4A was primarily written to be used for CO analyzers with what span?

Check Answer

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## Performance Specification 4B (PS-4B)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



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## PS-4B Overview

PS-4B is to be used for evaluating the acceptability of CO and O<sub>2</sub> CEMS at the time of or soon after installation and whenever specified in the regulations.

The CEMS may include, for certain stationary sources:

- flow monitoring equipment to allow measurement of the dry volume of stack effluent sampled, and
- an automatic sampling system.



## Performance and Equipment Specifications: Data Recorder Scale: O<sub>2</sub> and Data Recorder Scale: CO

- The output range must include the full range of expected concentration values in the gas stream including the zero and span values
- Span must be 25%; can be higher if O<sub>2</sub> concentration at sampling point can exceed 25%
- Must record all readings within a measurement range with a resolution of 0.5%

Data Recorder  
Scale: O<sub>2</sub>



- Low – range span must be 200 ppm
- High – range span must be 3000 ppm
- Must record all readings within a measurement range with a resolution of 0.5%


Data Recorder  
Scale: CO



### Performance and Equipment Specifications: Calibration Drift and Calibration Error

- Calibration Drift**
  - O<sub>2</sub>: Same as PS-3
  - CO: Same as PS-4, except it must not drift by more than 3% of the span value
- Calibration Error**
  - O<sub>2</sub>: Mean difference between CEMS and reference values at all 3 test points must be ≤ 0.5% O<sub>2</sub>
  - CO: Mean difference between CEMS and reference values at all 3 test points ≤ 5.0% of span

**NOTE:** CE and response time tests should be conducted during the CD test period. Response time must not exceed 240 seconds.

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### Performance and Equipment Specifications: Relative Accuracy: CO and O<sub>2</sub>

- For O<sub>2</sub>, same as PS-3 and for CO, same as PS-4A

**Relative Accuracy: CO and O<sub>2</sub>** 

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## Alternative Relative Accuracy Procedures

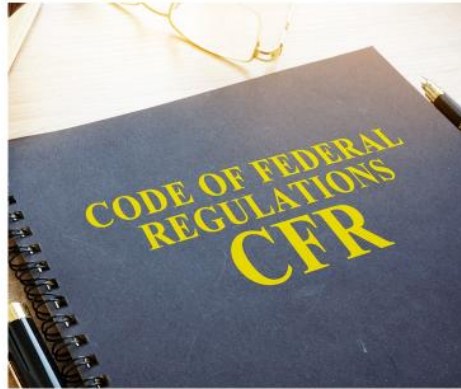
- Conduct complete CEMS status check per manufacturer's written instructions
- Instrument must pass CE and CD specifications and have administrator approval



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## Quality Assurance Procedure 1 and Commonly Used Technology

- PS-2, 3, and 4, 4A, and 4B use QA procedure 1. For more information, review slides under PS-2.
- Commonly used technology is a GFC, same as PS-4



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### Feedback

### PS-4B – Question 1, 2

1. PS-4B is primarily used for testing what two pollutants together?

[Check Answer](#)

2. For PS-4B, the results of a RATA test are considered valid if the calculated RA is less than \_\_\_\_, or if the RA is less than or equal to \_\_\_\_ when the applicable emission standard is used.

<a href="#">A. 5.0% and 0.5%</a>	<a href="#">C. 10.0% and 1.0%</a>
<a href="#">B. 1.0% and 5.0%</a>	<a href="#">D. 5.0% and 1.0%</a>

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<h3>Feedback</h3> <p>4. GFC is one commonly used technology associated with PS-4B.</p>	<h3>PS-4B – Question 3, 4</h3> <p>3. For PS-4B CE, the mean difference between CEMS and reference values at all 3 test points must be <math>\leq 0.5\%</math> for which pollutant(s)?</p> <p>A. CO      C. O<sub>2</sub></p> <p>B. CO and O<sub>2</sub>      D. None of the above</p> <p>4. What is one commonly used technology associated with PS-4B?</p> <p>Check Answer</p> <p>89</p>
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<h3>Performance Specification 5 (PS-5)</h3> <p>Specifications and Test Procedures for Total Reduced Sulfur (TRS) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources</p>	 <p>EPA 90</p>
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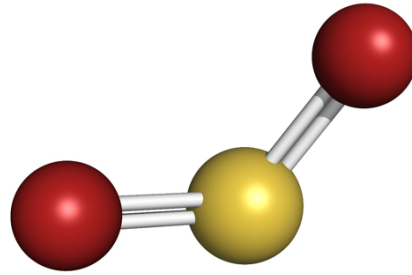
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## PS-5 Overview

- Evaluating the applicability of TRS CEMS at the time of installation or soon after and whenever specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations.
- Three reference methods, which are 16, 16A, and 16B.
- The CEMS may include O<sub>2</sub> monitors which are subject to PS-3.
  - Most aspects of this PS are the same as PS-2, with the exception of:
    - CD performance criteria
    - RA performance criteria



## Calibration Drift and Relative Accuracy

- Method Performance: Must perform CD test and relative RA test at time of initial installation or soon after.

### Calibration Drift

- CEMS must not drift from the reference value of the calibration gas by no more than 5% of CEMS span value for 6 out of 7 days.
  - No adjustments to CEMS prior to daily measurement
  - Conduct CD test at 2 points (0-20% and 50-100% of full scale) (PS-2- 6.1.2)
  - Must determine CD of diluent monitor separately (PS-3)

### Relative Accuracy

- RA Test- RA of CEMS must be no greater than 20% of average RM or 10% when the applicable standard is used to calculate RA.

**NOTE:** There is no promulgated QA procedure for TRS monitors, however, subparts or regulations may require ongoing QA.

## Commonly Used Technology for PS-5

### Gas Chromatography

- Uses an inert carrier gas to transport the sample through a capillary column and separates the chemical constituents in the sample by their relative affinity for the column material.
- The constituents come off, or elute, from the column at different retention times, based on their specific chemical properties, and are measured by the chosen detector type, usually a flame photometric detector (FPD) or thermal-conductivity detector (TCD) for H<sub>2</sub>S measurement.

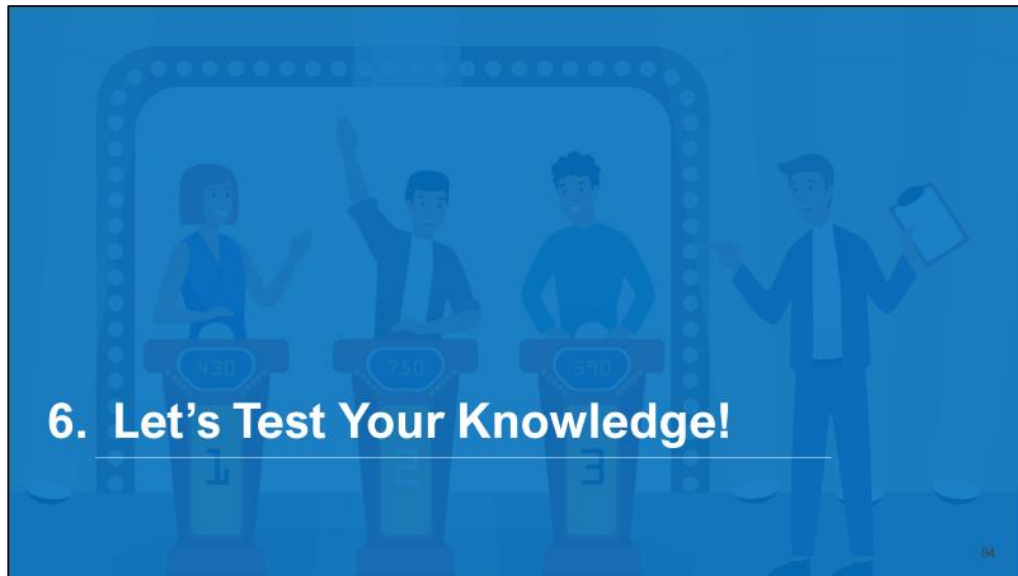
**NOTE:** Pulsed Fluorescence – see details under PS-2



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## Feedback



## PS-5

1. What are three reference methods that are commonly associated with PS-5?

[Check Answer](#)

2. For PS-5, the results of a RATA test are considered valid if the calculated RA is less than \_\_\_\_\_, or if the RA is less than or equal to \_\_\_\_\_ when the applicable emission standard is used.

A. 10% and 5%

C. 20% ad 10%

B. 15% and 5%

D. 10% and 1%

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## Performance Specification 6 (PS-6)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Continuous Emission Rate Monitoring Systems (CERMS) in Stationary Sources



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## Overview of PS-6



- Evaluating the acceptability of CERMS. Definitions are the same as those in PS-2 with the exceptions of:
  - CERMS—the total equipment required for the determining and recording the pollutant mass emission rate (in terms of mass per unit of time); and
  - Flow Rate Sensor—portion of the CERMS that senses the volumetric flow rate and generates an output proportional to that flow rate. The flow rate sensor shall have provisions to check the CD for each flow rate parameter that it measures individually (e.g., velocity, pressure).
- The CD and RA tests are conducted to determine conformance of the CERMS to the specification.
- Reference methods used for determining flow under PS-6 are 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, and 2D.

## Calibration Drift

- Determined separately for each analyzer
  - Shall not exceed 3% of the high-level value
- Conduct the CD tests for pollutant concentration at the two values specified in section 6.1.2 of PS-2.
- For other parameters (e.g., velocity, pressure, flow rate), use two analogous values (e.g., Low: 0-20% of full scale, High: 50-100% of full scale).



## Relative Accuracy

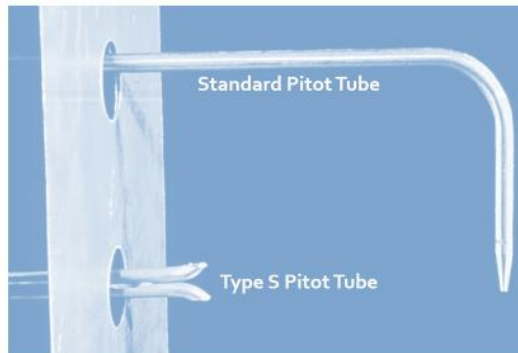
The RA of the CERMS shall be no greater than 20% of the mean value of the RM's test data in terms of the units of the emission standard, or 10% of the applicable standard, whichever is greater.



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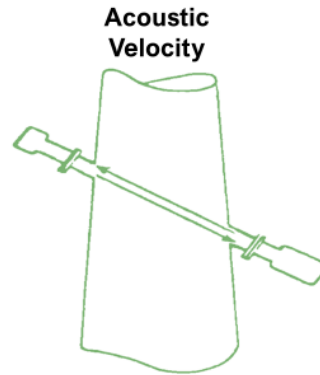
## Commonly Used Technologies for PS-6

*Pitot tubes* use the differential pressure between the measurements of total pressure and the static pressure at a point in the stack to calculate the stack gas velocity and volumetric flowrate.



## Commonly Used Technologies for PS-6 (Cont'd)

An *ultrasonic flowmeter* uses a pair of transmitter/receivers mounted on opposite sides of the stack, with one upstream from the other. The signal is alternated between them, sending it in the direction of stack gas flow, where it is speeded up, and then against the direction of flow, where it is slowed down. The difference in the time between the two signals is proportional to the stack gas velocity.



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### PS-6

1. What is PS-6 primarily used for to perform?  

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2. For PS-6, CERMS calibration must not drift by more than \_\_\_% from the reference value.  

A. 3%B. 5%C. 2%D. 0.5%
  
3. What reference methods are used for determining flow under PS-6?  

Check Answer
  
4. When measuring flow rates, what are two commonly used techniques?  

Check Answer

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## Performance Specification 7 (PS-7)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



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## PS-7 Overview



Evaluating the acceptability of H<sub>2</sub>S CEMS at the time of or soon after installation and whenever specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations

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Most aspects of PS-7 are covered under PS-2 with the exception of CD and RA.


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## PS-7 Calibration Drift and Relative Accuracy

Calibration Drift	Relative Accuracy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEMS must not drift from the reference value of the calibration gas by any more than 5% of CEMS span value for 6 out of 7 days</li> <li>No adjustments to CEMS prior to daily measurement</li> <li>Conduct CD test at 2 points (0-20% and 50-100% of full scale)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEMS RA must be no greater than 20% of average RM or 10% of the applicable standard</li> <li>RA Test - Perform minimum of 9 RM test runs, may do more, but only a maximum of 3 runs may be discarded. Must report 9 runs.</li> <li>Use RM 11, 15, 16                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RM 11 sample run times shall be at least 10-minutes and (0.35 dscf or 0.010 dscm) and taken at 30-minute intervals</li> <li>RM 15 and 16 sample runs shall consist of 2 injections equally spaced over 30-minute period</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**NOTE: Some aspects of this PS are the same as PS-2.**


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## Commonly Used Technology for PS-7

GC—see description in PS-5



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### PS-7

1. What is PS-7 primarily used to certify?  

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2. What reference methods are associated with PS-7?  

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3. What is a commonly used technology that is associated with PS-7?  

[Check Answer](#)

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## Performance Specification 8 (PS-8)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



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## PS-8 Overview

Evaluating a CEMS that measures a mixture of VOC and generates a single combined response value

- Must select the same measurement technology as the reference method or if not specified, the technology is based on knowledge of the source emissions.

Most aspects of PS-8 are covered under PS-2 except for CD and RA.



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## PS-8 Calibration Drift and Relative Accuracy

### Calibration Drift

- < 2.5% of span value
- No adjustments to CEMS prior to daily measurement

### Relative Accuracy

- < 20% of average RM or < 10% of the applicable standard
- Use RM as specified in applicable subpart or regulation

**NOTE:** Subparts or regulations may require on-going QA.



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## Commonly Used Technology for PS-8


- A flame ionization detector (FID) measures the current induced by ions attracted to and hitting a collector plate. The ions are formed by the combustion of organic compounds in a sample gas.
- A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line and heated filter to an FID.
- An FID measures the current, which is directly proportional to the concentration of VOC in the sample.
  - Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of propane.



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### PS-8 – Question 1, 2

1. What is PS-8 primarily used to evaluate?

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2. For PS-8, CEMS calibration must not drift by more than \_\_\_% from the reference value.

A. 5%

C. 8%

B. 2.5%

D. 10%

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### PS-8 – Question 3, 4

3. For PS-8, the results of a RATA test are considered valid if the CEMS is no greater than \_\_\_ % of the mean value of the RM data, or if the applicable emission standard calculation is less than or equal to \_\_\_ %.

A. 10% and 5%

C. 20% and 10%

B. 15% and 5%

D. 10% and 1%

4. What is the most commonly used technology associated with PS-8?

[Check Answer](#)

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<p><b>Performance Specification 8A (PS-8A)</b></p> <p>Specifications and Test Procedures for Total Hydrocarbons (THC) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources</p>	
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<h2>PS-8A Overview</h2>	
	<p>PS-8A applies to THC CEMS installed on stationary sources.</p> <p>Includes procedures intended to be used to evaluate the acceptability of the CEMS at the time of its installation or whenever specified in regulations or permits.</p> <p>A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line and heated filter, transported to an FID.</p> <p>Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of propane.</p>
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## PS-8A Requirements

RATA and absolute calibration audits (ACA) are not required. The CD, CE, and response time tests are performed in lieu of a RA or ACA. If not passed they must be performed again until all are passed.

### Calibration Drift Test Period

- While a unit is operating, determine the CD for seven consecutive operating days, make no adjustment to system prior to performing CD test.
- The CEMS must not drift by  $\pm 3$ ppm or  $\pm 3\%$  of span value after each 24-hour period of the 7-day drift test for both the zero and span gases.

### Calibration Error Test and Response Time Test

- Conduct the CE and response time tests during the CD test period.
- The mean difference between the CEMS and reference values at all three test points must be no greater than 5 ppm ( $\pm 5\%$  of the span value).



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## Commonly Used Technology for PS-8A

FID - see details under PS-8



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	<h3>PS-8A</h3> <p>1. What is PS-8A primarily used to evaluate?</p> <p><a href="#">Check Answer</a></p> <p>2. For a PS-8A calibration drift test, the CEMS must not drift by ___ppm or ___% of span value after each 24-hour period of the 7-day drift test for both the zero and span gases.</p> <table><tr><td><a href="#">A. <math>\pm 1</math> or <math>\pm 1</math></a></td><td><a href="#">C. <math>\pm 5</math> or <math>\pm 5</math></a></td></tr><tr><td><a href="#">B. <math>\pm 4</math> or <math>\pm 4</math></a></td><td><a href="#">D. <math>\pm 3</math> or <math>\pm 3</math></a></td></tr></table>	<a href="#">A. <math>\pm 1</math> or <math>\pm 1</math></a>	<a href="#">C. <math>\pm 5</math> or <math>\pm 5</math></a>	<a href="#">B. <math>\pm 4</math> or <math>\pm 4</math></a>	<a href="#">D. <math>\pm 3</math> or <math>\pm 3</math></a>
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## Performance Specification 9 (PS-9)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Gas Chromatography (GC) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



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## PS-9 Overview

Applies to CEMS that use GC to measure a specific target list of organic compounds.

- GC is defined as that portion of the system that separates and detects organic analytes and generates an output proportional to the gas concentration. The GC must be temperature controlled.

Definitions unique to this PS are included in the subsequent slides.

Calibration precision, CE, and performance audit tests are conducted to determine conformance of the CEMS with these specifications. Daily calibration and maintenance requirements are also specified.



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## Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage and Transport



### Installation and Measurement Location Specifications

- Install CEMS where measurements are representative of the source.
- Sampling location should be at least two equivalent duct diameters from control device, point of pollutant generation, or any point that might cause a change in pollutant concentrations.



### Pre-Test Preparation Period

- Use the procedures in method 18 of 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A to perform initial tests to determine the proper GC conditions that provide good resolution and minimum analysis time for the analytes of interest.



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## Performance Audits and Calibration

### Performance Audit Test Periods

- A performance audit test must be conducted during a 7-day CE test and quarterly thereafter.
- The audit gas cylinder must be analyzed three times.

### Calibration and Standardization

- Initial Multi-Point Calibration
- Conduct a multi-point calibration of the GC during initial set-up and after routine maintenance or repair, or at least once per month.

### Daily Calibration

- Once every 24-hours, analyze the mid-level calibration standard in triplicate. The average response for each analyte shall not vary by more than 10 % of the certified concentration.



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## Calibration Error

### Calibration Error

- Must be determined at 3 calibration levels
- The average CEMS calibration response must not differ by more than 10% of the certified cylinder value for each analyte.

### Calibration Precision and Linearity

- Each triplicate injection of calibration gas may not differ by more than 5% of average response. The  $r^2$  value for all three levels must be  $\geq 0.995$ .

### Measurement Frequency

- The sampling system time constant shall be  $\leq 5$  minutes or the sampling frequency specified in the applicable regulation.

Relative accuracy test audits are not required.



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## Commonly Used Technology for PS-9

GC—see description in PS-7



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<h3>Feedback</h3> 	<h3>PS-9</h3> <p>1. PS-9 applies to CEMS that use___.</p> <p><a href="#">Check Answer</a></p>
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## Performance Specification 11 (PS-11)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Particulate Matter (PM) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



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## PS-11 Overview



- Establishes the initial installation and performance procedures that are required for evaluating the acceptability of a PM CEMS.
- PS-11 requires initial installation and calibration procedures that confirm the acceptability of the CEMS when it is installed and placed into operation.
- A site-specific correlation must be developed of the PM CEMS response against manual gravimetric RM measurements (including those made using EPA methods 5, 5i, or 17).



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## Installation and Performance

- Initial installation and performance may include:
  - Diluent monitor - O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, or other monitors specified in applicable regulation.
  - Auxiliary monitoring equipment for temperature, pressure, moisture content and/or volume of stack effluent.
  - Automatic sampling system that measures in units of mass concentration.



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## Drift and Correlation Test

- **Performance Criteria based on the following:**
  - 7-day drift test
  - Initial correlation test
  - Sampling periods
  - Cycle/Response time
- **7-Day Drift Test**
  - <2% of the upscale value (includes O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> monitors).
- **Initial Correlation Test**
  - Based on a technique of correlating PM CEMS responses relative to emission concentrations determined by the RM (EPA Method 5, 51, 17). Unlike gaseous CEMS, these are site specific.



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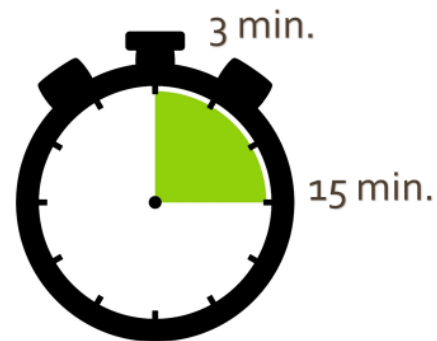
## Performance Test

### Sampling Period

- Must be no less than 30% of the cycle time for batch sampling CEMS.

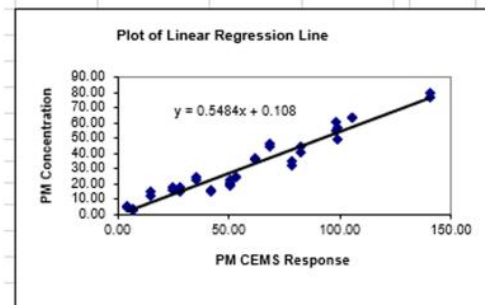
### Cycle/Response Time

- The response time of PM CEMS, which is equivalent to the cycle time, must be no longer than **15 minutes**.
- In addition, the delay between the end of the sampling time and reporting of the sample analysis must be no greater than **3 minutes**. Must document any changes in the response time following installation.



## Developing a PS-11 Correlation

- Minimum of 15 valid RM test runs
- Simultaneous PM CEMS data
- Plot RM data vs. CEM data
- Does data meet the criteria of PS-11?



## Procedure 2 – Quality Assurance Requirements For Particulate Matter CEMS At Stationary Sources

### What are the basic functions of Procedure 2?

- Assess the quality of your PM CEMS data by estimating measurement accuracy
- Control and improvement of the quality of your PM CEMS data by implementing QC requirements and corrective actions until the data quality is acceptable
- Specify the requirements for daily instrument zero and upscale drift checks and daily sample volume checks, as well as routine response correlation audits (RCA), absolute correlation audits, sample volume audits (SVA), and relative response audits (RRA)

**NOTE:** Requires periodic evaluations of PM CEMS performance and the development and implementation of QA/QC programs to ensure that PM CEMS data quality is maintained.



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## Procedure 2 – Quality Control Program

Your QC program must, at a minimum, include step-by-step procedures for the following:


- Performing drift checks,
- Methods for making adjustments to PM CEMS
- Preventative maintenance
- Data recording, calculations, and reporting
- Performing RCA and RRA procedures
- Performing absolute correlation audits (ACA) and SVA
- Corrective actions for malfunctioning PM CEMS, including flagged data periods
- Procedures for checking extractive system ducts for material accumulation



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### Procedure 2 – Auditing Requirements

Daily Checks	Quarterly Checks (performed 3 out of 4 quarters annually)	Annual Checks (frequency specified in permit or applicable regulation)
Zero and upscale drift	ACA	RRA – usually, annually, unless a RCA is performed
Check the system optics (light-scatter and extinction-type)	SVA	RCA – usually, once every three years
Sample volume check (if used in calculating output)		

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### Procedure 2 – Performance Criteria

Zero Or Upscale Drift	Sample Volume Measurement	Absolute Correlation Audits	Sample Volume Audits
Must be less than 4% for 5 consecutive day, or 8% for any one day	Must be less than 10% for 5 consecutive day, or 20% for any one day	Cannot exceed $\pm 10\%$ of average audit value or 7.5% of applicable standard	Must be less than $\pm 5\%$ of sample volume audit value

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## Procedure 2 – Performing Response Correlation Audit Performance Criteria

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For all 12 data points, the PM CEMS response value can be no greater than the greatest PM CEMS response value used to develop your correlation curve.



At least 75% of a minimum number of 12 sets of PM CEMS and RM measurements must fall within a specified area on a graph of the correlation regression line.



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## Procedure 2 – Relative Response Audit Performance Criteria

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For all three data points, the PM CEMS response value can be no greater than the greatest PM CEMS response value used to develop your correlation curve.



At least two of the three sets of PM CEMS and RM measurements must fall within the same specified area on a graph of the correlation regression line as required for the RCA and described on previous slide.

**NOTE:** If your PM CEMS fails to meet these RRA criteria, it is out of control.



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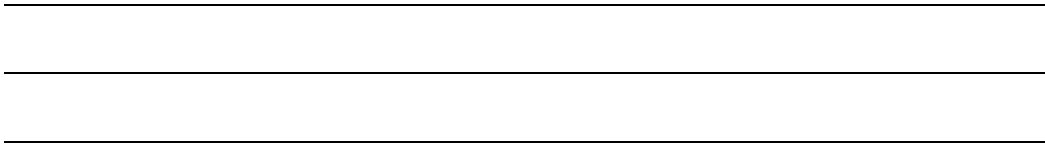
## Commonly Used Technologies for PS-11

- A light scattering PM CEMS measures the light scattered by the entrained particulate in the stack exhaust, the amount of scattering being proportional to the particulate concentration, and affected by particle size, shape, and color.
- A beta gauge PM CEMS uses a beta radiation source and an adhesive filter tape material which collects the PM material at predetermined intervals. The collected PM on the filter tape attenuates the beta radiation, the amount of attenuation being proportional to the mass of collected PM, and independent of particle characteristics.

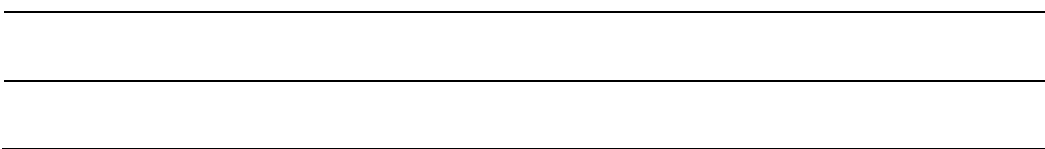


**NOTE:** Both PM CEMS require site-specific correlation against manual gravimetric RM measurements.


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**PS-11 – Question 1, 2**

1. PS-11 is primarily used for certifying \_\_\_\_.

**Check Answer**

2. How does PS-11 differ from other performance specifications?

**A. Type and characteristics of PM vary from source to source**

**B. Gas is easier to detect**

**C. Gas takes up a larger space, so it's easier to capture**

**D. Analyzers might pick up dust in the air**


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**Feedback**



**PS-11 – Question 3, 4**

3. What are two commonly used measurement techniques for PM CEMS?

**Check Answer**

4. Which procedure is associated with PS-11?

**Check Answer**

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## Performance Specification 12A (PS-12A)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Total Vapor Phase Mercury (Hg) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



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## PS-12A Overview

- Evaluates the acceptability of total vapor phase (gas-phase elemental and oxidized) Hg CEMS installed at stationary sources at the time of or soon after installation and whenever specified in the regulations.
  - Regardless of whether it addresses elemental or oxidized Hg, the CEMS must record concentrations at standard conditions on a wet or dry basis
- The Hg CEMS must be capable of measuring the total concentration in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  of vapor phase Hg, regardless of speciation, and recording that concentration at standard conditions on a wet or dry basis.
  - These specifications do not address measurement of particle bound Hg.



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## PS-12A Overview (Cont'd)

- CEMS must meet the specified ranges:
  - Zero-level gas - 0 to 20% of the span value
  - Mid-level gas - 50 to 60% of the span value
  - High-level gas - 80 to 100% of the span value



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## Measurement Error and Calibration Drift

Measurement Error Test	Calibration Drift Test
For Hg <sup>0</sup> , the measurement error (ME) <5% of the span value at the zero-, mid-, and high-level reference gas concentrations.	CEMS <5% of the span value on any of the 7 days of the CD test. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use zero-level gas and either mid- or high-level gas.</li> </ul>
For HgCl <sub>2</sub> , the ME <10% of the span value at the zero-, mid-, and high-level reference gas concentrations.	

**NOTE:** Must perform ME, CD, RA, and linearity.



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## Relative Accuracy and Reference Methods

Relative Accuracy Test	Reference Methods
<p>CEMS &lt;20% of the mean value of the RM test data in terms of units of µg/scm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternatively, if the mean RM &lt;5.0 µg/scm, the results are acceptable if the absolute value of the difference between the mean RM and CEMS values &lt;1.0 µg/scm.</li> </ul>	<p>Method 29 and ASTM 6784, filterable portion not included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine number of sampling points by Method 1.</li> <li>Minimum of nine 2-hour test runs.</li> </ul>
	<p>Method 30A and 30B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use 12 sampling points according to Method 1.</li> <li>Minimum of nine 30-minute test runs.</li> </ul>



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### Procedure 5 - Quality Assurance Requirements For Vapor Phase Mercury CEMS And Sorbent Trap Monitoring Systems Used For Compliance Determination At Stationary Sources

#### What are the basic functions of Procedure 5?

- To ensure Hg CEMS (vapor recovery or sorbent trap) meet acceptable standards for determining compliance on an ongoing basis:
  - Assessment of the quality of Hg CEMS data
  - Control and improvement of the quality of Hg CEMS data by implementing QC requirements and corrective actions
  - Specification of QC requirements




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## Procedure 5: Quality Control Requirements

### Minimum Requirements

- CD checks
- CD determination & adjustment
- Weekly system integrity check procedures
- Routine operation, maintenance & QA/QC procedures for the sorbent trap monitoring systems
- Routine & preventative maintenance procedures (including spare parts inventory)
- Data recording, calculations & reporting
- Accuracy audit procedures
- Program of corrective action for malfunctioning CEMS


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## Procedure 5: Calibration Drift Assessment

**CD Requirement - Daily**


Check, record & quantify CD at 2 concentrations; adjust CEMS calibration when one of the concentration CD exceeds 2 times the limits of the applicable PS

**Recording Requirement for Automatic CD Adjusting CEMS**

Must be programmed to record the unadjusted concentration measure in the CD prior to resetting the calibration, if performed, or to record the adjustment

**Criteria for Excessive CD**

- OOC Definition- completion of 5th daily check in excess of two times limit of PS or first daily check exceeding 4 times limit of PS to first CD back within PS limit
- CEMS Data Status During OOC Period - data cannot be used to determine compliance or to meet minimum data availability requirement


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## Procedure 5: Data Accuracy Assessment

**Hg CEMS Audit Requirements** - an accuracy audit must be performed at least once each calendar quarter; successive quarterly audits (if possible) must be performed no less than two months apart

Relative Accuracy Test Audit	Alternative Quarterly Audits	Sorbent Trap Monitoring System Audit Requirements -
At least once every 4 calendar quarters except as noted in Section 5.1.4 of Appendix B; follow Section 8.5 of PS-12A & calculate results according to Section 12.4 of PS-12A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly Gas Audit (QGA) - may be conducted in 3 of 4 calendar quarters but no more than 3 quarters in succession; challenge the CEMS with a zero and 2 upscale level audit gases of known concentrations, (20-30% of span &amp; 50-60% of span) first of elemental Hg and then of oxidized Hg</li> <li>RAA - alternative to QGA; follow section 8.5 of PS-12A, but only 3 test runs required</li> </ul>	RATA conducted at least once every 4 calendar quarters; perform the RATA as described in section 8.3 of PS-12B & calculate results per Section 12.4 in PS-12A



## Procedure 5: Excessive Audit Inaccuracy

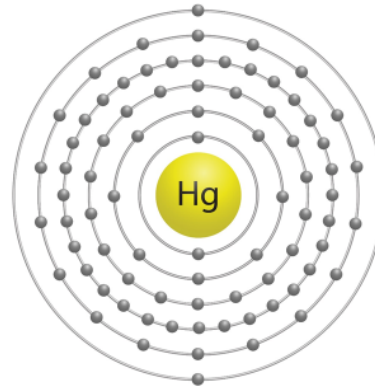
Out-of-Control Period Definition	Monitoring Data Status During Out-of-Control Period	Criteria for Excessive Audit Inaccuracy	Criteria for Acceptable QC Procedures
Hour immediately following the completion of failed RATA, RAA, or QGA or system integrity check until completion of subsequent successful test of the same type.	Cannot be used to determine compliance with an applicable emission limit or to meet minimum data availability requirements.	<p>RATA: PS 12A&amp; PS 12B – 20% or mean RM &lt; 5.0 µg/scm if difference between CEMS and RM &lt; 1.0 µg/scm</p> <p>QGA: +/- 15% of the average audit value or +/- 5 µg/m3 (whichever is greater)</p> <p>RAA: +/- 20% of the 3 run average or +/- 10% of the applicable standard, whichever is greater.</p>	After 2 consecutive quarters with excessive inaccuracies, the owner/operator must revise the QC procedures or modify/repair/replace the CEMS which will require recertification of the CEMS.



## Commonly Used Technology for PS-12A

Hg sample is extracted from the stack and analyzed using atomic fluorescence spectroscopy to measure the concentration of Hg vapor in the sample.

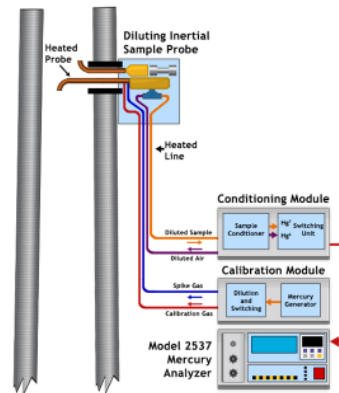
- When an Hg atom absorbs the energy from a specific UV wavelength, an electron transitions from a stable ground state to an unstable, excited state, and when the UV energy source is removed, the electron returns to its stable state and emits a photon of light.



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## Hg CEMS Atomic Fluorescence

- Measure gaseous Hg
  - Elemental ( $Hg^0$ )
  - Oxidized ( $Hg^{2+}$ )
- Almost all convert oxidized Hg to elemental Hg for measurement of total gaseous Hg
- Calibrate using NIST-traceable Hg gas generators or cylinders



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<h3>Feedback</h3>	<h3>PS-12A – Question 1, 2</h3> <p>1. PS-12A is primarily used for certifying ____.</p> <p><a href="#">Check Answer</a></p> <p>2. The results of a RATA test are considered valid if the calculated RA is less than ____, or if the absolute difference is less than or equal to ____ ug/m3.</p> <table border="0"><tr><td><a href="#">A. 20% and 1.0 ug/m3</a></td><td><a href="#">C. 20% and 5.0 ug/m3</a></td></tr><tr><td><a href="#">B. 15.0% and 5.0 ug/m3</a></td><td><a href="#">D. 15.0% and 1.0 ug/m3</a></td></tr></table> <p>160</p>	<a href="#">A. 20% and 1.0 ug/m3</a>	<a href="#">C. 20% and 5.0 ug/m3</a>	<a href="#">B. 15.0% and 5.0 ug/m3</a>	<a href="#">D. 15.0% and 1.0 ug/m3</a>
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**Feedback**

**PS-12A – Question 3, 4**

3. What reference methods are commonly associated with PS-12A?

[Check Answer](#)

4. What measurement technique is commonly used for PS-12A?

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**Performance Specification 12B (PS-12B)**

Specifications and Test Procedures for Total Vapor Phase Mercury (Hg) Using Sorbent Traps in Stationary Sources



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## PS-12B Overview 1

Establishes performance benchmarks for, and to evaluate the acceptability of, sorbent trap monitoring systems used to monitor total vapor-phase (gas-phase elemental and oxidized) Hg emissions in stationary source flue gas streams.

These monitoring systems involve continuous repetitive in-stack sampling using paired sorbent media traps with periodic analysis of the time-integrated samples.

The Hg monitoring system must be capable of measuring the total concentration of vapor phase Hg (regardless of speciation), in units of  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dscm}$ .

These procedures are only intended for use under relatively low particulate conditions (e.g., monitoring after all pollution control devices).



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## PS-12B Overview 2

Known volumes of flue gas are continuously extracted through paired, in-stack, pre-spiked sorbent media traps at appropriate nominal flow rates.

Must use expected Hg concentration to determine sample flow rate and sorbent tube spike mass.

The sorbent traps in the sampling system are periodically exchanged with new ones, prepared for analysis as needed, and analyzed by any technique that can meet the performance criteria.

For QA purposes, a section of each sorbent trap is spiked with  $\text{HgO}_2$  prior to sampling.

Following sampling, this section is analyzed separately, and a specified minimum percentage of the spike must be recovered. Paired train sampling is required to determine method precision.



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## PS-12B Relative Accuracy and Reference Methods



- For initial certification of a sorbent trap monitoring system, an RA test is required.
- Sorbent trap used in RA must be same type material as used in daily operation.
- Use 12 sampling points according to method 1.
- The RA of the sorbent trap monitoring system must be <20% of the mean value of the RM test data in terms of units of  $\mu\text{g}/\text{scm}$ .
  - Alternatively, if the RM concentration is  $\leq 5.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{scm}$ , then the RA results are acceptable if the absolute difference between the means of the RM and sorbent trap monitoring system values  $< 1.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{scm}$ .



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## Quality Assurance/Quality Control Criteria for Sorbent Trap Monitoring Systems

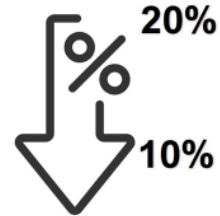
Pre-test Leak Check	Post-test Leak Check	Ratio Of Stack Gas Flow Rate To Sample Flow Rate
< 4% of target sampling rate	< 4% of average sampling rate	<5% of the hourly ratios or 5 hourly ratios (whichever is less restrictive) may deviate from the reference ratio by more than $\pm 25\%$ .



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## Relative Deviation, Quality Assurance/Quality Control

- Paired sorbent trap agreement:
  - $\leq 10\%$  Relative Deviation (RD) if the average concentration is  $> 1.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
  - $\leq 20\%$  RD if the average concentration is  $\leq 1.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  or if absolute difference between concentrations from paired traps is  $\leq 0.03 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .



## Quality Assurance/Quality Control

- Spike recovery study: average recovery between 85% and 115% for each of the three spike concentration levels.
- Multipoint analyzer calibration: each analyzer reading within  $\pm 10\%$  of true value and  $r^2 \geq 0.99$ .
- Analysis of independent calibration standard: within  $\pm 10\%$  of true value.
- Spike recovery from section 3 of both sorbent traps: 75-125% of spike amount.



## Quality Assurance/Quality Control (Cont'd)

To validate sorbent trap monitoring system data, the acceptance criteria for the following five QC specifications must be met for both traps:

Post-monitoring leak check

Ratio of stack gas flow rate to sample flow rate

Section 2 breakthrough

Paired trap agreement

Section 3 spike recovery

**NOTE:** To validate an RA test run, both traps must meet the acceptance criteria for all five QC specifications.

Must perform ongoing QA according to requirements of 40 CFR 60, Appendix F, Procedure 5 (See slides under PS-12A for more information).



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## Common Technology

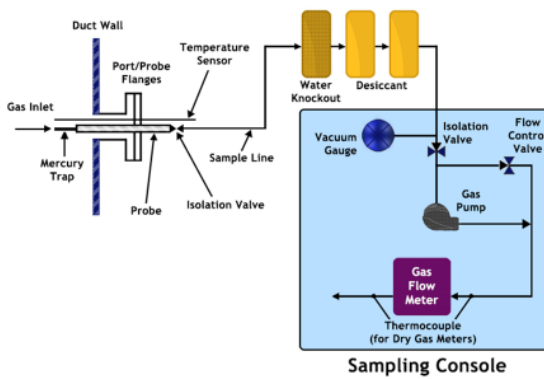
- Stack exhaust is sampled through a sorbent trap system which collects the gaseous elemental and oxidized Hg on the sorbent media.
- Sorbent traps are sent to the lab, where the Hg sample is extracted from the stack and analyzed using atomic fluorescence spectroscopy to measure the concentration of Hg vapor in the sample.
  - When a Hg atom absorbs the energy from a specific UV wavelength, an electron transitions from a stable ground state to an unstable, excited state, and when the UV energy source is removed, the electron returns to its stable state and emits a photon of light.



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## Sorbent Trap Monitoring System Background

- Integrated sample measures total gaseous Hg
- For post-PM control locations
- Paired traps, in-stack with 3 sections
- Proportional sampling




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## 14. Let's Test Your Knowledge!

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## Feedback



### PS-12B – Question 1, 2, 3

1. PS-12A and PS-12B differ because PS-12A is targeted specifically towards sorbent trap testing.

2. Pre- and post-leak checks are required for PS-12B sampling.

3. A paired set of traps are used in the methodology of PS-12B.


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## Feedback



### PS-12B – Question 4

4. What is the spike recovery requirement from section 3 of sorbent traps?

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## Performance Specification 15 (PS-15)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Extractive Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



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## PS-15 Overview

PS-15 provides for measuring all hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), as well as volatile organic and inorganic species which absorb in the IR region and can be quantified using FTIR.

Must meet performance criteria for each regulated pollutant and measure in the mid-IR spectral region to use FTIR system as a CEMS.

Sample concentration expressed as the concentration-path length product, ppm (molar) concentration multiplied by the path length of the FTIR gas cell.



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## What is Fourier Transform Infrared ?

- FTIR is an analytical technique used to obtain an IR spectrum of absorption or emission of a gas.
- An FTIR spectrometer simultaneously collects high-spectral-resolution data over a *wide spectral range*. A fourier transform (a mathematical process) is required to convert the raw data into the actual spectrum which is compared to a library of spectra to find a match.



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## Fourier Transform Infrared System Requirements

- FTIR CEMS must be equipped with reference spectra bracketing the range of path length-concentrations (absorbance intensities) to be measured for each analyte.
- The optical configuration of the FTIR system must be such that maximum absorbance of any target analyte is no greater than 1.0.
- Additionally, the minimum absorbance of any target analyte must be at least 10 times the root mean square deviation (RMSD) noise in the analytical region.
- Analytical package must:
  - Include data stored to write-protected medium
  - Store one interferogram per hour
  - Include all absorbance spectra, as well as all background spectra and interferograms
  - Include all calibration transfer standard (CTS) spectra and interferograms



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## Quality Assurance/Quality Control

### Periodic Quarterly or Semiannual QA/QC Checks include:

- Audit Sample- Unknown target analyte(s) analyzed by a CEMS operator.
- Audit Spectra- Analytical results must be within  $\pm 5\%$  of the certified audit concentration for each analyte (plus the uncertainty in the audit concentration).
  - Only tests the analytical program of FTIR CEMS

### Independent Analysis of Spectra by EPA

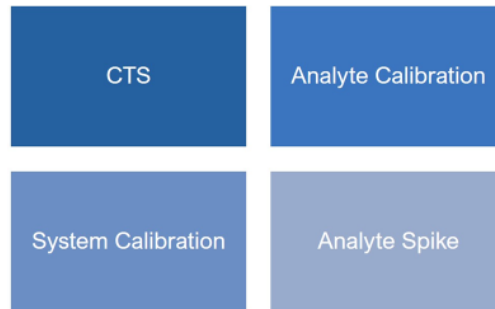
- Submit three representative absorbance spectra
- Corresponding CTS spectra
- Corresponding background spectra and interferograms
- Spectra of associated spiked samples
- Analytical results for the sample spectra



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## Calibration and Standardization

Calibration and standardization includes:



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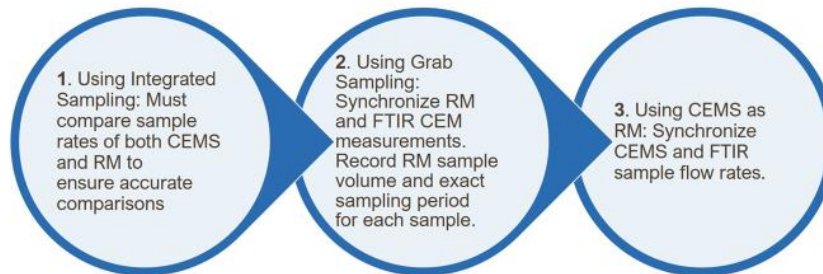
## Analytical Procedure

- **Initial Certification** - Perform evaluation procedures in section 6.0 FTIR Protocol using either:
  - Method 301 validation procedures; or
  - Comparison to applicable RM
- **Validation** - Use EPA method 301. Procedures include spiking known concentrations of analytes and tracer gas ( $\text{SF}_6$ ) while sampling source gas. 2 options include:
  1. FTIR CEMS analyzing spectra collected sequentially (Validation run consists of 24 independent results- 12 spiked and 12 unspiked)
  2. FTIR CEMS operating side by side (Validation run consists of 24 independent results- 12 spiked and 12 unspiked)
- **Compare to a RM.** Perform 9 runs of at least 30 minutes consisting of at least 5 independent FTIR CEM samples.



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## Analytical Procedure – 3 Methods



**NOTE:** For all three methods, use equations in PS-2 for RA determinations.



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### Absorbance Spectrum Measured by Fourier Transform Infrared

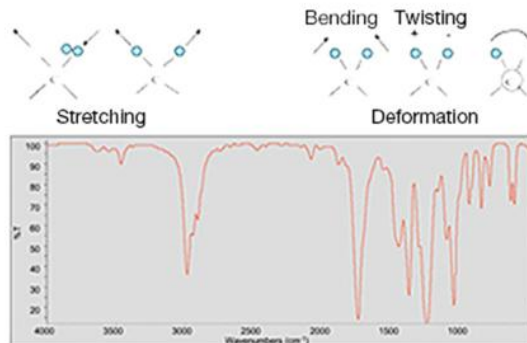


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15. Let's Test Your Knowledge!

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## Feedback

### PS-15

1. What does the CEMS measure that PS-15 is used to certify?

[Check Answer](#)

2. Which EPA FTIR reference method is associated with PS-15?

[A. 320](#)      [C. 365](#)  
[B. 301](#)      [D. 196](#)

3. Which technique is used by PS-15?

[A. Integrated sampling](#)      [C. Grab Sampling](#)  
[B. FTIR](#)      [D. CEMS as RM](#)

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## Performance Specification 16 (PS-16)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Predictive Emission Monitoring Systems (PEMS) in Stationary Sources



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## What is a PEMS?

- PEMS refers to all the equipment that is required to predict an emission concentration or emission rate.
- Unlike a CEMS which uses sampling and analytical equipment to directly measure specific pollutant concentrations, a PEMS uses the continuous measurement of selected plant parameters and plant operating conditions with a software-based system of mathematical models to determine the pollutant emissions.



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## PS-16 Overview

Applies to PEMS that are installed under 40 CFR 60, 61, and 63 after the effective date of the PS

Must include a minimum of 3 variables to qualify as a PEMS

PS-16 is used for determining whether a PEMS is acceptable for use in demonstrating compliance with applicable requirements.

Certify a PEMS after initial installation and periodically thereafter to ensure the PEMS is operating properly.



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## PS-16 Overview (Cont'd)

Initial Certification: Must pass RA and statistical test to be acceptable for use in demonstrating compliance with applicable requirements

- Excess Emissions PEMS- minimum of 9 runs in total, 3-level RA test
- Compliance PEMS- minimum of 27 runs in total, 3-level RA test

Periodic QA Assessments: Owners and operators of all PEMS are required to conduct quarterly RAA and yearly RATA to assess ongoing PEMS operation.



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## Initial Certification

- RA must be  $\leq 10\%$  if PEMS measures  $>100$  ppm or  $0.2$  lbs/mmBtu.
- RA must be  $\leq 20\%$  if PEMS measures  $\leq 100$  ppm ( $0.2$  lb/mmbtu) and  $>10$  ppm ( $0.02$  lb/mmbtu).
- RA if PEMS measures  $\leq 10$  ppm, the absolute mean difference between the PEMS measurements and the RM measurements must not exceed  $2$  ppm ( $0.01$  lb/mmbtu).
- For diluent PEMS, an alternative criterion of  $\pm 1\%$  absolute difference between the PEMS and RM may be used if less stringent.



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## Initial Certification (Cont'd)



- Must be performed at 3 load levels:
  - Low load (between minimum stable load and 50%)
  - Mid load (50 to 80%)
  - High load (80 to 100%)
- Bias Correction: If average difference < absolute value of confidence coefficient, no correction factor is needed.
- PEMS Training: If  $F_{critical} \geq Fr \geq 0.8$ , optional after initial and subsequent RATAs.
- Annual RATA testing must be performed at normal load.



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## Ongoing Quality Assurance Tests




- Quarterly RAA
  - May use portable analyzer (must meet ASTM D6522-00) or RM testing
  - Three 30-minute test runs
- First year, a RAA must be performed in **3 of the 4 quarters**.
  - If all three pass, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year RATA passes, then only a semi-annual RAA may be required.
  - If, at anytime, either a RAA or RATA test fails then quarterly RAAs must resume.



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## Ongoing Quality Assurance Tests (Cont'd)

Test	PEMS Regulatory Purpose	Acceptability	Frequency
Sensor Evaluation	All		Daily
RAA	All	3-test avg $\leq 10\%$ of Simultaneous analyzer or RM average	Each quarter except quarter when RATA performed
Bias Correction	All	If $d_{avg} \geq  cc $	Bias test passed (no correction factor needed)
PEMS Training	All	If $F_{critical} \geq Fr \geq 0.8$	Optional after initial and subsequent RATAs
Sensor Evaluation Alert Test (optional)	All	See Section 6.1.8	After each PEMS training

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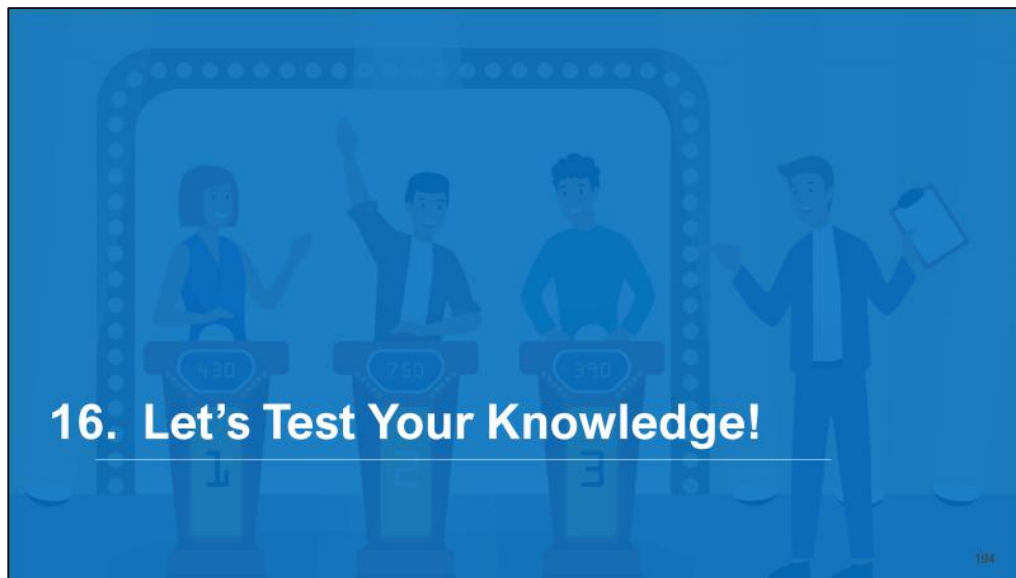
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### Feedback



### PS-16 – Question 1, 2

1. How does PEMS work?

**Check Answer**

2. PS-16 is used for determining whether a PEMS is acceptable for use in demonstrating compliance with applicable requirements.

**True**      **False**


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### Feedback



### PS-16 – Question 3

3. During initial testing, how many runs must be used for excess emissions monitor and compliance monitor?

**A. Excess- 9 runs; compliance-27 runs**

**B. Excess -12 runs; compliance-12 runs**

**C. Excess- 10 runs; compliance- 30 runs**

**D. Excess -9 runs; compliance- 3 runs**

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## Performance Specification 18 (PS-18)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Gaseous Hydrogen Chloride (HCl) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



## PS-18 Overview

Evaluate the acceptability of HCl CEMS at the time of installation or soon after and whenever specified in the regulations.

Requirements for initial acceptance including instrument accuracy and stability assessments and use of audit samples if they are available.

Must report or convert HCl concentration in units of the existing standard.

Substantive changes require retesting like:

- Major changes in dilution ratio
- Changes in sampling conditioning and transport
- Changes in probe design
- Changes in materials of construction

**NOTE:** Extended performance assessment requirements found in App. F, Procedure 6.



## Interference Test

- Interference response(s) must not be >2.5% of the calibration span or  $\pm 3.0\%$  of the equivalent HCl concentration used for the interference test (whichever is less restrictive), or
- The sum of the interference response(s) does not exceed six times the level of detection (LOD) or 0.5 ppmv for a calibration span of 5 to 10 ppm, or 0.2 ppmv for a calibration span of less than 5 ppmv.



## Beam Intensity and Temperature Verification

### Beam Intensity Test (Integrated Path (IP-CEMS only))

- The % difference between the measured concentration with and without attenuation of the light source must not exceed  $\pm 3.0\%$ .

### Temperature Verification Procedure (IP-CEMS only)

- The absolute relative difference between measured value of stack temperature ( $M_t$ ) and the temperature value from the calibrated temperature reference device ( $V_t$ ) is  $\leq 1.0\%$ , or
- The absolute difference between  $M_t$  and  $V_t$  is  $\leq 2.8^\circ\text{C}$  ( $5.0^\circ\text{F}$ ), whichever is less restrictive.

## Pressure Verification and Level of Detection



### Pressure Verification Procedure (IP-CEMS only)

The absolute relative difference between the measured value of stack pressure ( $M_p$ ) and the pressure value from the calibrated pressure reference device ( $V_p$ ) must be  $\leq 5.0\%$ , or

The absolute difference between  $M_p$  and  $V_p$  must be  $\leq 0.12$  kilopascals (0.5 inches of water column), whichever is less restrictive.



### Level of Detection Determination

Must determine the minimum amount of HCl that can be detected above the background in gas matrix.

- Determined in a laboratory or by manufacturer.
- Must be less than 20% of applicable limit.



## Response Time and Measurement Error Tests

### Response Time Test

- Must determine measurement error (ME), level of detection (LOD) and standard addition (SA) response times.
- 3 sets of data are used to determine mean upscale and downscale response times for each procedure.

### Measurement Error Test

- Extractive CEMS ME Test
  - Measure 3 upscale HCl reference gases 80-100% of span.
- IP-CEMS ME Test
  - Conduct 3-level system ME test by individually adding the known concentrations of HCl reference gases into a calibration cell of known volume, temperature, pressure and path length.
  - The ME must be less than or equal to 5.0% of the span value at the low-, mid-, and high-level reference gas concentrations.



## PS-18 Calibration Drift and Relative Accuracy

### 7-Day Calibration Drift Test

- Must complete before RA tests.
  - Determine magnitude of CD at 24-hour intervals for 7 consecutive operating days, not necessarily 7 calendar days.

### Relative Accuracy

- Must be established against RM 26A, 320, 321, or ASTM D6348-12.
  - Conduct diluent, moisture, and pollutant measurements simultaneously.
  - Test at 12 points, 6 points, 3-point long line or, if a stratification test is passed, the 3-point short line.
  - Conduct a minimum of 9 RM runs.
  - RA must be < 20.0% of RM or < 15.0% of RM if average emission level is <75% of emission standard.



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## Quality Assurance Procedure 6

### What are the basic functions of Procedure 6?

To ensure HCl CEMS data meets acceptable standards for determining compliance on an ongoing basis:

- Assessment of the quality of your HCl CEMS data
- Control and improvement of the quality of your HCl CEMS data by implementing QC requirements and corrective actions
- Specification of QC requirements



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## Procedure 6



Requires that the CEMS is audited to assess the data accuracy



Temperature and pressure measurement devices must be audited annually



RATA must be conducted once every four calendar quarters



If HCL concentration is < 20 % of the concentration equivalent to the applicable emission standard, you must perform a CGA or dynamic spiking at least one quarter. Otherwise RAA must be performed quarterly.



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## Procedure 6 (Cont'd)



If CEMS is in-control for 8 consecutive quarters and emits  $\leq 75\%$  of the concentration equivalent to the applicable standard, the auditing procedures may be revised to use CGA, RAA or dynamic spike audit (DSA) for 7 quarters before performing a RATA.



At a reporting interval specified in the permit or applicable regulation; the results of the quarterly audits and annual accuracy audit results as well as the daily assessment results must be reported to the appropriate agency.



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## Commonly Used Technologies for PS-18

FTIR—refer to details for PS-15

Tunable diode laser (TDL) spectroscopy uses the absorbance spectra of target gases and the ability to tune the laser to a specific absorbance wavelength of the gas to measure the gas concentration. It can achieve very low detection limits (ppb), and it is also possible to determine the temperature, pressure, velocity and mass flux of the gas being measured. It is sometimes used as the light source in cavity ring-down spectroscopy (CRDS) (see details regarding this technology on the next slide).



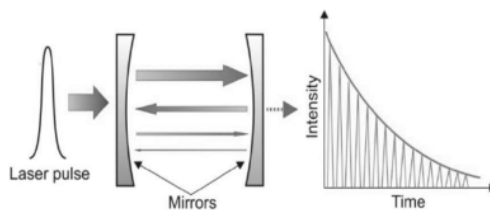
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## Commonly Used Technologies for PS-18 (Cont'd)

In CRDS, the beam from a single-frequency laser diode tuned to the absorbance of the gas being measured enters a cavity defined at least two high reflectivity mirrors with a path length in kilometers, making it extremely sensitive to very low concentrations of the target gas.

When the laser is on, the cavity quickly fills with reflected laser light.

A photodetector senses the small amount of light leaking through one of the mirrors to produce a signal that is directly proportional to the intensity in the cavity.




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<h3>Feedback</h3> 	<h3>PS-18</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A CEMS that is certified using PS-18 measures what pollutant? <a href="#">Check Answer</a></li><li>2. RA must be established with what reference methods? <a href="#">Check Answer</a></li><li>3. What is the basic function of procedure 6? <a href="#">Check Answer</a></li><li>4. What are the common technologies used for PS-18? <a href="#">Check Answer</a></li></ol> <p>210</p>
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## Performance Specification 19 (PS-19)

Specifications and Test Procedures for Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) in Stationary Sources



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## PS-19 Overview

PS-19 is used to evaluate the acceptability of EtO continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS) at the time of installation or soon after and whenever specified in the regulations.

The specification includes requirements for initial acceptance including instrument accuracy and stability assessments and use of audit samples if they are available.

Additional CEMS components may be necessary to convert the units reported by the CEMS to the units of the standard.



New PS, added by instructor

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## CEMS Installation and Measurement Location Specifications

- Must be accessible and representative.
- At least two equivalent diameters downstream from the nearest control device, the point of pollutant generation, or other point at which a change in the pollutant concentration or emission rate may occur and one-half an equivalent diameters upstream from the effluent exhaust or control device
- Single point sample gas extraction should be no less than 1.0 m (3.3 ft.) from the stack or duct wall or be within the centroidal area of the stack or duct cross section
- Not required that the Relative Accuracy (RA) sampling location to be the same as CEMS location



New PS, added by instructor

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## Interference Test Procedure

- Prior to its initial use in the field, you must demonstrate that your monitoring system meets the performance requirements of the interference test
- Must be conducted in a controlled environment
- Perform the interference check using an EtO reference gas concentration of approximately ten times the LOD or at 50 parts per billion, whichever is greater
- Introduce the interference test gases
- Measure the baseline EtO response, followed by the response after adding the interference test gas(es) while maintaining a constant EtO concentration
- Perform each interference gas injection and evaluation in triplicate
- The sum of the interference response(s) from Equation 2 must not be greater than 2.5 percent of the calibration span or  $\pm 3.0$  percent of the equivalent EtO concentration used for the interference test, whichever is less restrictive.
- The results are also acceptable if the sum of the interference response(s) does not exceed ten times the LOD or 30 ppbv



New PS, added by instructor

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### Performance and Equipment Specifications: Calibration Drift

- Source owners or operators of CEMS must check, record, and quantify the CD at two levels, using a zero gas and high-level gas at least once daily
- The daily zero-and high-level CD must not exceed two times the drift limits specified
- The zero- and high-level calibration drift for the CEMS must not exceed 5.0 percent of the span value or an absolute difference of 10.0 ppbv for 7 consecutive operating days

Calibration Drift



New PS, added by instructor

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### Performance and Equipment Specifications: Measurement Error

- The measurement error test must be performed at the same time as the calibration drift test when the system is being placed in service or any time a substantive change has been made to the measurement system
- Introduce zero and 3 reference gas concentrations, 3runs
- Determine the average of the three CEMS responses
- The ME must be less than or equal to 5.0 percent of the span or an absolute difference of 10.0 ppbv value at the low-, mid-, and high-level reference gas concentrations

Measurement Error



New PS, added by instructor

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### Reference Method Traverse Points Minimum Requirements

Sample at twelve traverse points located according to section 11.3 of Method 1 or Establish a measurement line through the stack centroid that includes three traverse points at:

- 16.7,
- 50.0, and
- 83.3% of the duct/stack diameter

**Alternate:**

- Conduct a stratification test to justify sampling at a single point

New PS, added by instructor

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### Performance and Equipment Specifications: Relative Accuracy

- Unless otherwise specified in an applicable regulation, use Method 320 as the RM for EtO measurement
- Conduct the RA test during representative process and control operating conditions (minimum of 9 runs)
- RA must be less than or equal to 20.0 percent of the RM when  $RM_{avg}$  is used in the denominator

Relative Accuracy

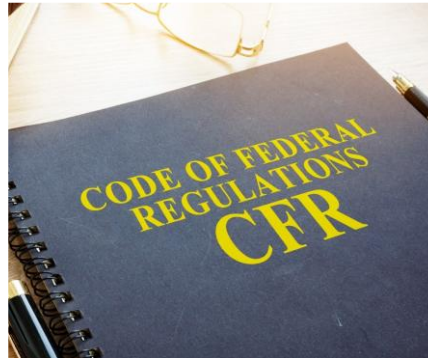


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### Quality Assurance Procedure 7

- PS-19 uses QA procedure 7
  - Calibration Drift (CD) checks of CEMS
  - CD determination and adjustment of CEMS
  - Routine and preventative maintenance of CEMS (including spare parts inventory)
  - Data recording, calculations, and reporting
  - Accuracy audit procedures for CEMS including reference method(s)
  - Program of corrective action for malfunctioning CEMS



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### Procedure 7 – Checks/Auditing Requirements

Daily	Quarterly	Annual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CD at two concentration values – zero and high-level</li> <li>• Out of control checks for excessive CD – if zero or high level CD exceeds 2x the applicable CD specification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CGA – may be conducted in three of four calendar quarters, but in no more than three quarters in succession</li> <li>• RAA – may be conducted three of four calendar quarters, but in no more than three quarters in succession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RATA – conducted at least once every four calendar quarters</li> </ul>

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## Commonly Used Technologies: Cavity Ring-Down Spectrometry and Fourier Transform Infrared

### Cavity Ring-Down Spectrometry (CRDS)

- Measures the ring-down time of an optical signal in a highly reflective cavity
  - A laser pulse is trapped in a highly reflective detection cavity
  - The intensity of the trapped pulse will decrease by a fixed percentage during each round trip within the cell due to absorption, scattering by the medium within the cell, and reflectivity losses
  - The intensity of light within the cavity is then determined as an exponential function of time.
- Detection limit < 100 ppt



### Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR)

- Converts the infrared (IR) radiation absorbed by a compound into an absorbance spectrum
- Detection limit ~ 100 ppt



New PS, added by instructor

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# Activity



**Title:** Which Performance Specification is it?

**Purpose:** To review and recall module content associated with a specific performance specification

**Time:** 45 minutes  
• 30 minutes in groups  
• 15 minutes group debrief

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# Activity Debrief



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## Module 3 Summary

Now that you have completed Module 3, you should be able to:

- Define key terms, such as calibration drift (CD), relative accuracy, span, etc.
- Compare performance specification (PS) and quality assurance (QA) procedures by pollutant, where relevant
- List relevant QA procedures by PS
- Provide examples of technologies that can be used for each PS
- Recognize why predictive emission monitoring systems (PEMS) performance specifications are different from others



# **MODULE 4: AUDITS/INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT**

# Module 4: Audits/Inspections and Enforcement

## Module 4 Description:

In Module 4, you will be provided an overview of audits and inspections used for CMS. You will learn about the types of audits and what is involved in an inspection. In addition, you will learn about preventative maintenance and failure, as well as enforcement.

## Module 4 Objectives:

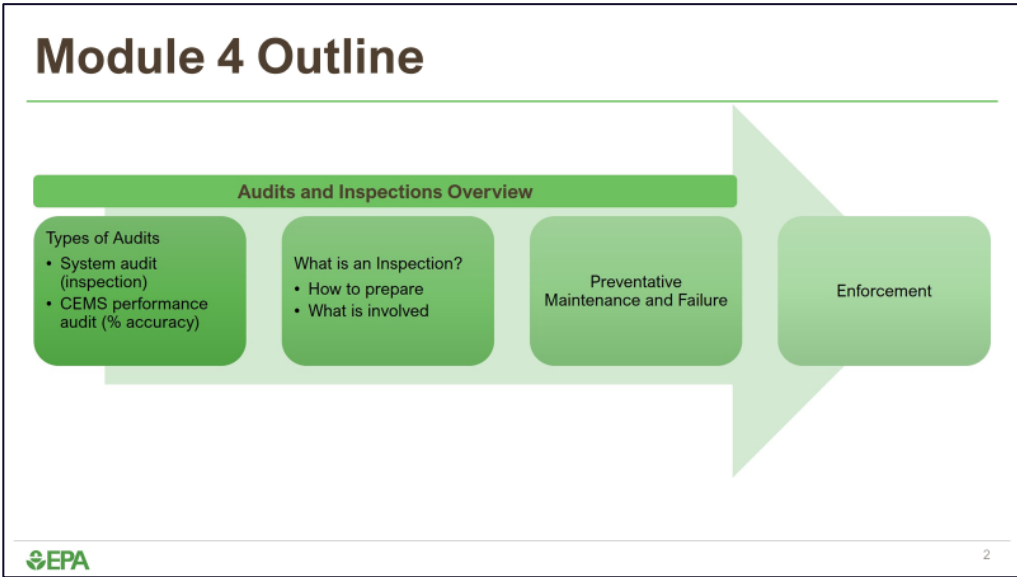
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## Module 4 Learning Objectives

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## Overview of Audits and Inspections

### Performance Audit

- A quantitative evaluation, which includes things such as\*:
  - Cylinder Gas Audit (CGA)
  - Relative Accuracy Test Audit (RATA)
  - Relative Accuracy Audit (RAA)

### System/Field Audit

- Qualitative evaluation involving an inspection

\*These elements are covered in Module 3



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## Performance and System Audits

EPA relies on a combination of **performance** and **system/field auditing** to verify overall data integrity.

### Performance Audit Procedures

- Performance audit procedures are critical for verifying proper performance of the monitoring systems and identifying problems which may lead to inaccurate emissions accounting.

### System or Field Audits

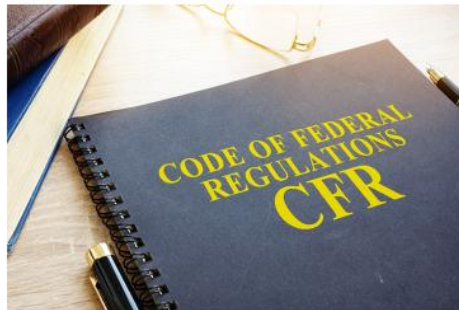
- System or field audits are an opportunity to provide information to the source on the regulatory requirements, and for the inspector to observe monitoring practices that may lead to regulatory problems.



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## Performance Audits

- Required by 40 CFR Part 60
- Found in performance specifications and QA procedures
- Include the daily, quarterly, and annual audit procedures
- Audit results usually submitted to agency for review



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## System/Field Audit or Inspection

- May be conducted in conjunction with a performance audit such as a RATA or RCA.
- Allows the observer to...
  - Physically inspect the CEMS,
  - Review the data collected, and
  - Review maintenance logs, etc.



Note: The audit procedures for Part 75 can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/airmarkets/field-audit-manual>



## Inspector's Role in System/Field Audits



Every inspector should check with their agency to see exactly what their policies and procedures are before conducting an audit.



Typically, the inspector's role is *not* to provide technical advice or consulting on the operation of the monitoring equipment.



Usually a "hands off" approach is used when conducting the audit so that the inspector does not have any physical contact with the monitoring system hardware.



## Inspections: Before Going Onsite

**Preparing for an inspection:**

- ✓ Review any monitoring plans or test protocols, quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) manuals, RATA records, quarterly audit records, and quarterly emission report submittals.
- ✓ Check data availability, amount and causes of downtime, significant maintenance and any reports of replacement of key components.
- ✓ Make note of multiple failed QA tests, missing data, unusual data trends (inconsistent over time, or inconsistent with other, similar facilities), and calculation errors.



## Inspections: Before Observing a Performance Audit

**Preparing to observe any performance audit that will be conducted during the site visit:**

- ✓ Review the results of the last audits, noting any issues
- ✓ Review the necessary performance specifications and QA procedures
- ✓ Remember these performance specifications and QA procedures were covered in greater detail in Module 3 of this training





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<p><b>Feedback</b></p> <p>12</p>	<p><b>Audits/Inspections – Question 1</b></p> <p>1. The observer of an audit should move the CEMS analyzers in order to be able to verify their model and serial numbers.</p> <p><input type="button" value="True"/> <input type="button" value="False"/></p> <p>12</p>
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## Feedback



### Audits/Inspections – Question 2

2. From the list below, which activity should not be done to prepare for an onsite visit?

- A. Review records (e.g., monitoring plans, RATA, etc)
- B. Check data availability reports
- C. Be prepared to provide technical advice or consulting on the operation of the monitors
- D. Make note of any data errors or issues
- E. Review previous audits
- F. Review performance specifications and QA procedures, where relevant


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## Feedback



### Audits/Inspections – Question 3

3. A systems/field audit should never be conducted during the same period a performance audit is being performed.

TrueFalse

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## Inspections Process – At the Facility



**Verify:**

- Calibration and audit gas used, and
- General appearance of analyzers and sampling system



**Check:**

- Check if any alarms or warnings are indicated on DAS screen or system panels



**Review:**

- Additionally, review maintenance logs and verify regular maintenance (daily, weekly, monthly) activities.
  - Compare with description of these activities in QA/QC manual
  - Note any frequent or reoccurring problems



## Visual Inspection of the CEMS

If possible, do a visual inspection of the CEMS from the sample probe location on the stack or duct, following the sample line to the CEMS shelter, and continuing inside the shelter through the gas conditioning system (if source-level extractive) to the analyzers.

- ✓ Does the system look to be well maintained?
- ✓ Are there low spots in the sample line where moisture might collect and scrub out pollutants? If the facility experiences cold winters, are all parts of the sampling system heated?
- ✓ Is the physical location of the CEMS probe reasonable to access for maintenance?



## Visual Inspection of the CEMS (Cont'd)

Inside the CEMS shelter, check the condition of the sample gas conditioning system for any condensed liquid in Teflon lines.

- ✓ Where does the liquid drain?
- ✓ Could it get blocked or freeze?
- ✓ Are there signs of corrosion of valves and fittings?

## CEMS Shelter



# Calibration Gas Cylinders



# Pressure on Gas Cylinder



## CEMS Inspection



## Measurement of Emissions

### CEMS must be representative:

When the effluents from two or more emission points are combined before being released to the atmosphere, the owner or operator:

- May install applicable continuous monitoring systems on each effluent or on the combined effluent, if subject to the same emission standards
- Must install separate continuous monitoring systems on each effluent, if not subject to the same emissions standard.

## Measurement of Emissions (Cont'd)

When the effluent from one affected facility is released to the atmosphere through more than one point, the owner or operator shall install an applicable continuous monitoring system on each separate effluent unless the installation of fewer systems is approved by the administrator.

Results must be reported for each CEMS.



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## Who, What, Where, and Why

- Importance of a pre-test meeting
  - Who should be at the test...
  - What will happen...
  - Where is the meeting to be held...
  - Why is this meeting necessary, etc....



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## The Road to Continuous Compliance: Operation of CEMS

- ➔ Conduct Calibration Drift (CD) at least once per operating day: Zero and Span - New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)
- Must be in continuous operation. Except for system breakdowns, repairs, calibration checks, and zero and span adjustments. A "continuous operation" means a minimum of one cycle of operation (sampling, analyzing, and data recording) is completed or each successive 15-minute period.
- ☁ Maintain and operate the CEMS in a manner consistent with good air pollution control practices and manufacturer's written specifications.
- 🗨 Ensure the visual display or indication of operation is readily available on-site



## Daily Data Readings

Current Date/Time Range: Feb 08, 2020 00:00 to Mar 11, 2020 23:59

Start Time	Channel	Type	Warn Check	Part 75	Part 90	ZERO reading	ZERO Target	ZERO error%	ZERO error	SP5 read
03/11/2020 08:48	7_O2	DAILY	PASS	PASS	PASS	0	0	0.0	0.0	22.2
03/11/2020 08:48	7_NOx_L	DAILY	PASS	PASS	PASS	0.02	0	0.0%	0.0%	44.3
03/11/2020 08:48	7_NOx_H	DAILY	PASS	PASS	PASS	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	179.1
03/11/2020 04:32	12_O2	DAILY	PASS	PASS	PASS	-0.04	0	0.0	-0.04	22.8
03/11/2020 04:32	12_NOx_L	DAILY	PASS	PASS	PASS	0.04	0	0.0%	0.1%	44.3
03/11/2020 04:32	12_NOx_H	DAILY	PASS	PASS	PASS	-0.01	0	0.0%	0.0%	184.2
03/11/2020 04:12	9_O2	DAILY	PASS	PASS	PASS	0	0	0.0	0.0	22.2
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## Road to Continuous Compliance Data Reduction

Data from CEMS shall be reduced to 1-hour averages of valid data as follows\*:

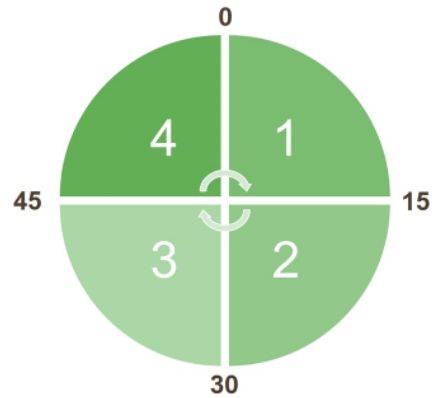
Operating Hour is a:	Valid Data Means:	What is excluded?
Full Hour (60 minutes of operation)	At least four data points – one data point in each 15-minutes quadrant of the hour	Unavoidable CMS breakdowns, out-of-control periods, repairs, maintenance periods, calibration checks, and zero (low-level) and high-level adjustments
Partial Hour (less than 60 minutes of operation)	At least one data point in each 15-minutes quadrant of the hour of operation	Same
Operating Hour with Maintenance or QA and the CMS operates:	Two or more quadrants of the hour - a minimum of two data points, separated by at least 15 minutes;  One quadrant of the hour - at least one valid data point (not applicable for Part 63)	Same

\*Note: the information presented here is aligned with the General Provisions and may vary by Subpart.



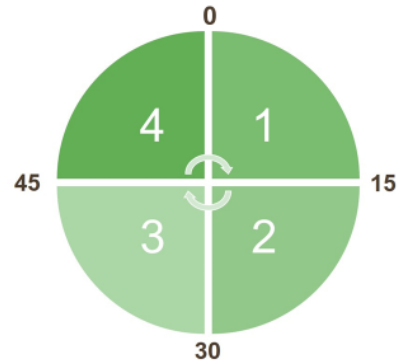
## 1-Hour Average Validation

...1-hour averages shall be computed as follows...for a full operating hour (any clock hour with 60 minutes of unit operation), at least four valid data points are required to calculate the hourly average, i.e., one data point in each of the 15-minute quadrants of the hour. [§ 60.13 (h)(1) & (h)(2)(i)]



# Hourly Validation Example

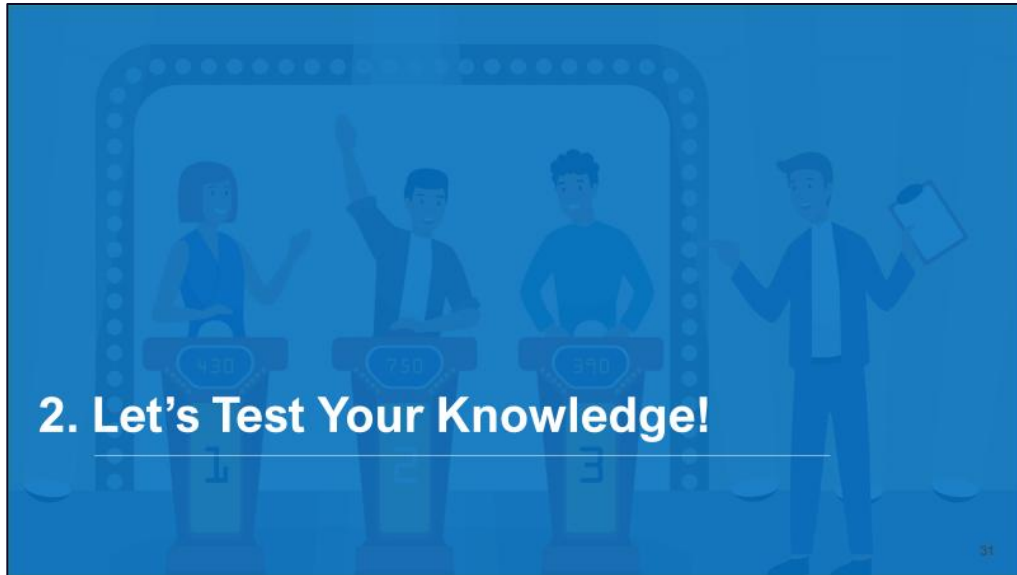
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3	Invalid	18	Invalid	33	2	48	Invalid
4	Invalid	19	Invalid	34	3	49	Invalid
5	Invalid	20	Invalid	35	4	50	Invalid
6	Invalid	21	Invalid	36	4	51	5
7	Invalid	22	Invalid	37	5	52	4
8	Invalid	23	4	38	5	53	2
9	Invalid	24	4	39	Invalid	54	Invalid
10	Invalid	25	3	40	Invalid	55	Invalid
11	Invalid	26	3	41	Invalid	56	Invalid
12	Invalid	27	3	42	Invalid	57	Invalid
13	Invalid	28	2	43	Invalid	58	Invalid
14	Invalid	29	2	44	Invalid	59	Invalid
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Valid	2	Valid	7	Valid	9	Valid	6
Invalid	13	Invalid	8	Invalid	6	Invalid	9
Quadrant	Valid	Quadrant	Valid	Quadrant	Valid	Quadrant	Valid



# Preventative Maintenance Examples Handout

- Refer to the handout, “Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, and Annual Preventative Maintenance Examples” in your participant guide.

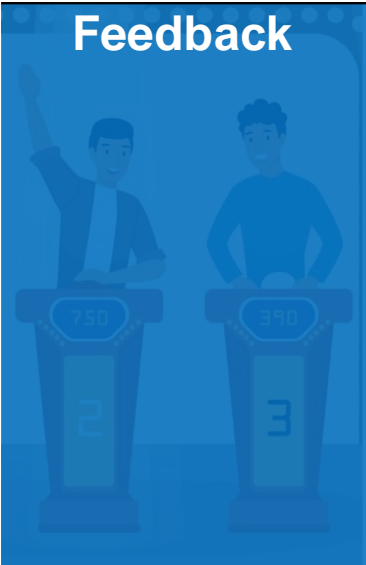




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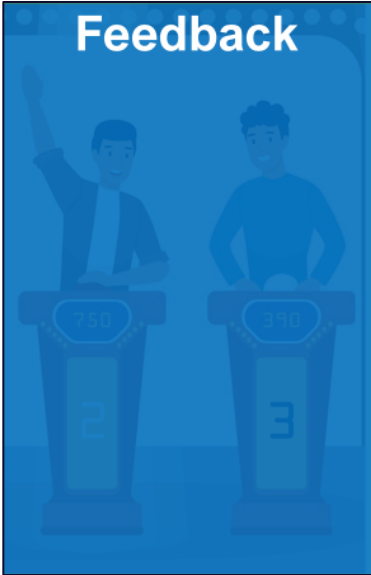
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**Feedback**



**Audits/Inspections – Question 5**

5. How is data from a CEMS reduced to 1-hour averages?

[Check Answer](#)


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**Feedback**



**Audits/Inspections – Question 6**

6. What are some examples of parameters that an observer should be looking at for CEMS daily operations?

[Check Answer](#)

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## Use of CMS Data for Enforcement

**On technical grounds, CMS data typically are at least comparable to compliance method and inspection data derived from equally well-executed and quality-assured monitoring.**

- CMS data are more representative of actual continuous emissions than are some traditional sources of compliance data, such as emission factors and engineering calculations.



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## Use of CMS Data for Enforcement (Cont'd)

**CMS is important to enforcement, irrespective of whether the legal requirement being enforced specifies CMS as the compliance method.**

- However, a governing regulation (e.g., 40 CFR Part 60) must specify CMS as the compliance method in order for EPA to rely on CMS data alone to prove a violation of an emission limitation in Federal district court, or to issue a Notice of Noncompliance ("NON").
- The same is true if EPA is to rely on CMS data alone to issue an administrative order respecting emissions violations.



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## Enforcement Applications of CMS

- The governing regulation\* specifies CMS as the compliance method
- The governing regulation\* specifies some method other than CMS as the compliance method, or, the governing regulation doesn't specify a compliance method.



\*e.g., 40 CFR Part 60

The next few slides will walk through these two enforcement applications.



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## CMS is the Compliance Method



- Required by some NSPS, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS), and State Implementation Plans (SIPs)
- Includes data validation requirements
- Requires monitoring against emission limits with long averaging time
- Data documents compliance against the emissions standard in the units of the emissions standard



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## CMS is Not the Compliance Method



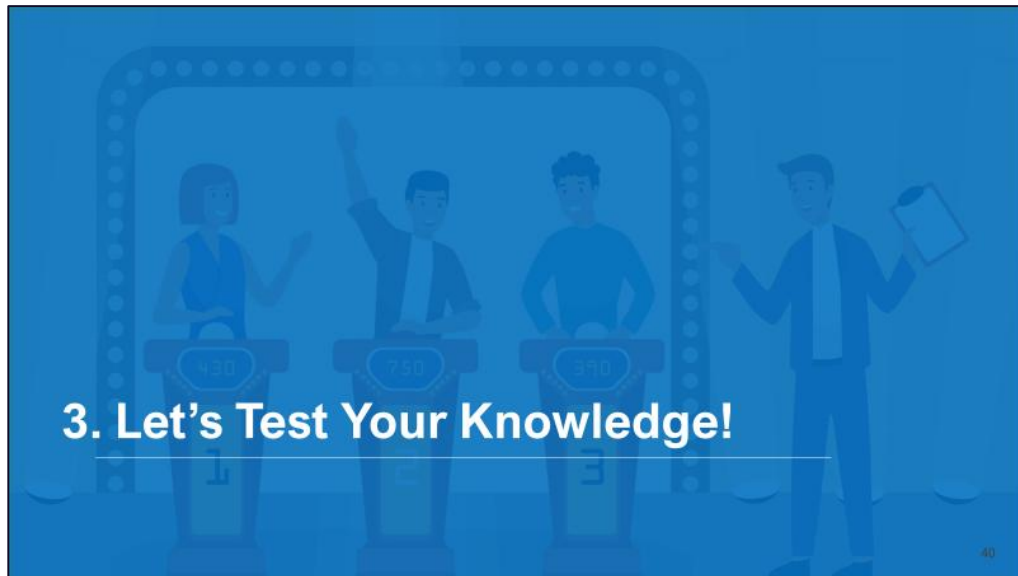
CMS data is "Credible Evidence"

- Data is used for initiating and supporting enforcement cases alleging emissions violations.
- CMS data may provide a basis to issue a section 114 request for compliance method data.
- CMS data may be used to enforce operation and maintenance, monitoring and recordkeeping and reporting requirements, when the regulation does not specify a compliance method or an emissions standard (e.g. general duty clause).

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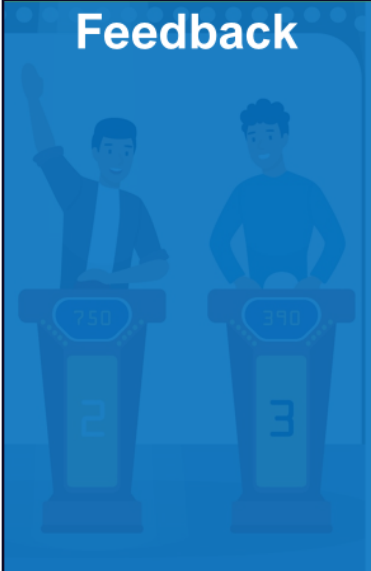
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## Feedback

### Audits/Inspections – Question 7

7. How can CMS be used to determine compliance with an emissions standard?


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## 3. Let's Test Your Knowledge!


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**Activity**



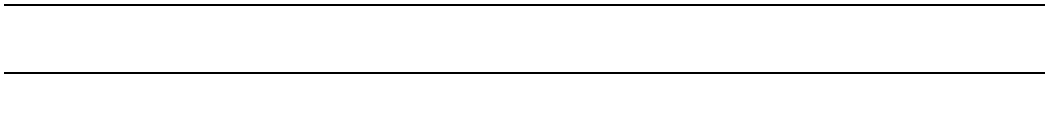
**Title: Geometric Close**

**Purpose:** To review the module content by enabling participants to summarize what they learned.

**Time: 40 minutes**

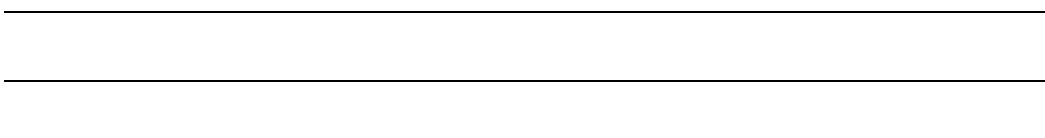
- 20 minutes in groups
- 20 minutes group debrief

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**Activity Debrief**

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