

notification of any physical or operational change to an existing facility which may increase the regulated pollutant emission rate; notification of demonstration of the continuous monitoring system (CMS); notification of the date of the initial performance test; and the results of the initial performance test. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports and records are required, in general, of all sources subject to NSPS.

An owner or operator subject to the NO_x standard who seeks to demonstrate compliance with these standards through the monitoring of steam generating unit operating conditions under the provisions of § 60.48b(g)(2) shall submit to the Administrator for approval a plan that identifies the operating conditions to be monitored under § 60.48b(g)(2) and the records to be maintained under § 60.49b(j). The owner or operator of an affected facility shall record and maintain records of the amounts of each fuel combusted during each day, and calculate the annual capacity factor individually for coal, distillate oil, residual oil, natural gas, wood, and municipal-type solid waste for each calendar quarter. For affected facilities that combust residual oil, the owner or operator shall maintain records of the nitrogen content of the residual oil combusted in the affected facility and calculate the average fuel nitrogen content on a per calendar quarter.

For facilities subject to the opacity standard of the regulation, the owner or operator shall maintain records of opacity. The owner or operator subject to the NO_x standards of the regulation shall maintain records for each steam generating unit operating day. The owner or operator of selected facilities are required to submit excess emission reports for any calendar quarter during which there are excess emissions from the affected facility. In periods where there are no excess emission reports, a semiannual report must be submitted stating that no excess emissions occurred during the semiannual period. The owner or operator of any affected facility subject to the continuous monitoring requirements for nitrogen oxides under § 60.48(b) shall submit a quarterly report containing information recorded in accordance with § 60.49b(i). The owner or operator of any affected facility subject to the sulfur dioxide standards under § 60.42b shall submit

written reports to the Administrator for every calendar quarter in accordance with § 60.49b(j). For each affected facility subject to the compliance and performance testing requirements of § 60.45b, certain information must be reported to the Administrator. Quarterly reporting of emission data is appropriate for Subpart Db sources due to their large emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulates.

For each affected facility subject to the sulfur dioxide standards under § 60.42b for which the minimum amount of data required under § 60.47b(f) were not obtained during a calendar quarter, certain information must be reported to the Administrator. If a percent removal efficiency by fuel pretreatment is used to determine the overall percent reduction under § 60.45b, the owner or operator of the affected facility shall submit a signed statement with the quarterly report containing certain information.

The owner or operator of an affected facility described in § 60.44b(j) or § 60.44b(k) shall submit to the Administrator selected information regarding fuel nitrogen content and emission tests on a quarterly basis. The owner or operator of an affected facility who elects to demonstrate that the affected facility combusts only very low sulfur oil under § 60.42b(j)(2) shall obtain and maintain at the affected facility fuel receipts from the fuel supplier which certify that the oil meets the definition of distillate oil as defined in § 60.41b.

All reports are sent to the delegated State or local authority. In the event that there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA Regional Office. Notifications are used to inform the Agency or delegated authority when a source becomes subject to the standard. The reviewing authority may then inspect the source to check if the standard is being met. Performance test reports are needed as these are the Agency's record of a source's initial capability to comply with the emission standard. Both the quarterly reports and semiannual reports (where appropriate) are used for problem identification, as a check on source operation and maintenance, and for compliance determinations.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The Agency computed the burden for each of the recordkeeping and reporting requirements applicable to the industry for the currently approved 1992 Information Collection Request (ICR). Where appropriate, the Agency identified specific tasks and made assumptions, while being consistent with the concept of burden under the Paper Reduction Act.

This estimate is based on the assumption that there would be 58 new affected facilities each year and that there were approximately 464 sources in existence for the three years covered by the ICR. The annual burden of reporting and recordkeeping requirements for facilities subject to Subpart Db are summarized by the following information. The reporting requirements are as follows: Read Instructions (1 person-hour), Initial performance test (330 person-hours), 24-hour test for gas units (250 person-hours). It is assumed that 20% of tests are repeated due to failure. The burden for demonstration of continuous emission monitoring system (CEMS) is: 150 person-hours for SO₂, 100 person-hours for PM, 350 person-hours for NO_x. Repeat demonstration of CEMS is: 150 person-hours for SO₂, 100 person-hours for PM, 350 person-hours for NO_x. Annual compliance tests for NO_x are estimated at 250 person-hours. Appendix F annual accuracy test estimates are: 146 person-hours for SO₂, and 146 person-hours for NO_x. Appendix F quarterly audit estimates for SO₂ are: 125 person-hours for in situ, 36 person-hours for extractive, and for Appendix F quarterly audit, NO_x: for in situ (125 person-hours), for extractive (36 person-hours) (*Assume that 25% of units have an in situ CEMS*). Estimates for report writing are: Notification of construction/reconstruction (2 person-