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Notice of Amendments to Rule 68 Fuel-Burning Equipment - Oxides of Nitrogen

On September 20, 1994, the Air Pollution Control Board adopted amendments to Rule 68, an existing rule that regulates emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) from stationary fuel burning equipment, including boilers and gas turbines with a maximum heat input rating of 50 million British Thermal Units (Btu) per hour or more. In general, the emission standards have remained unchanged. However, the rule language has been revised throughout to provide clarity and consistency.

These amendments will accomplish the following:

Exemptions

Exempt diesel fired internal combustion engines at nuclear generating stations when used only for safety compliance testing as required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Definitions

Delete certain definitions while adding others.

Test methods defined

Specify California Air Resources Board (ARB) Test Method 100 for determining compliance with the emission standards of the rule, and specify the testing time when using this method as any 60 consecutive minute period.

Require the submission and approval of a source test protocol prior to testing.

Averaging time period

Specify the averaging time period for demonstrating compliance when continuous emission monitors are installed as being every clock-hour.

Recordkeeping requirements

Specify recordkeeping requirements for equipment with continuous emissions monitors, and for equipment seeking exemption from certain provisions of the rule.

Exemption limits

Specify procedures for compliance determination with exemption limits.

For more information, please call the District's Engineering Division at (619) 694-3307.

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