

SECTION 26: EMISSION OF VISIBLE AIR CONTAMINANTS

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26.1 Opacity Limits

Unless otherwise specified in Section 26.2 or other sections of these regulations, no person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the discharge into the atmosphere from an emissions unit any air contaminant in excess of an average of 20 percent opacity for a period of more than six consecutive minutes.

26.2 Source-specific Opacity Limits

Opacity shall not exceed an average of 10 percent for a period of more than six consecutive minutes for any chemical-process emission units commencing operation or modification after January 1, 1981, and in which one or more of the following compounds are manufactured: titanium, titanium tetrachloride, magnesium, magnesium chloride, manganese dioxide, and boron trichloride.

No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the discharge into the atmosphere from any incinerator any air contaminants in excess of an average of five percent opacity for a period of more than six consecutive minutes, and no single reading shall exceed 20 percent opacity.

26.3 Exemptions

The following are exempt from the requirements of Section 26.1:

- (a) Smoke from fires or from fire training as allowed in Section 42;
- (b) Circumstances where the presence of uncombined water is the only reason for the failure of an emission to meet the stated limitations; and
- (c) Smoke discharged in the course of training individuals to observe visible emissions, if written permission is obtained from the Control Officer specifying the times and dates of such training.

26.4 Test Method

Except as otherwise specified in an applicable federal requirement, visible emission evaluations performed to determine compliance with Sections 26.1 and 26.2 shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A-4 (i.e., the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Method 9).

26.5 Certification

Visible emission evaluations shall be conducted by an observer certified in accordance with the procedures specified in EPA's Method 9.

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