

(3)(i) If the refiner fails to produce the necessary volume of 15 ppm sulfur MVNRLM diesel fuel by June 1, 2006 and every year thereafter through the deadlines specified under paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this section, the refiner must report this in its annual report under § 80.604, and the adjustment of gasoline sulfur standards under paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section will be considered void as of January 1, 2004.

(ii) If such a refiner had produced gasoline above its interim gasoline sulfur standard of § 80.240(a) prior to June 1, 2006, such fuel will not be considered in violation of the small refiner standards under § 80.240(a), provided the refiner obtains and uses a quantity of gasoline sulfur credits equal to the volume of gasoline exceeding the small refiner standards multiplied by the number of parts per million by which the gasoline exceeded the small refiner standards.

(e) *Multiple refineries.* The provisions of this section shall apply separately for each refinery owned or operated by a NRLM diesel fuel small refiner.

(f) *Other provisions.* From June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2010, a refiner who is an approved motor vehicle diesel fuel small refiner under § 80.550(a) but does not qualify as a NRLM diesel fuel small refiner under § 80.550(b) may produce NRLM diesel fuel that is exempt from the per-gallon sulfur standard and the cetane or aromatics standard of § 80.510(a). This exemption does not apply to diesel fuel sold or intended for sale in the areas listed in § 80.510(g)(1) or (g)(2). From June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2012, NR and LM diesel fuel produced by such refiners is subject to the standards under § 80.510(b) and beginning June 1, 2012, all NRLM diesel fuel is subject to the standards under § 80.510(c).

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**§ 80.555 What provisions are available to a large refiner that acquires a small refiner or one or more of its refineries?**

(a) In the case of a refiner without approved small refiner status who acquires a refinery from a refiner with approved status as a motor vehicle diesel fuel small refiner or a NRLM diesel

fuel small refiner under § 80.551(g), the applicable small refiner provisions of §§ 80.552 and 80.554 may apply to the acquired refinery for a period of up to 30 months from the date of acquisition of the refinery. In no case shall this period extend beyond May 31, 2010 for a refinery acquired from a motor vehicle diesel fuel small refiner or beyond the dates specified in § 80.554(a) or (b), as applicable, for a refinery acquired from a NRLM diesel fuel small refiner.

(b) A refiner may apply to EPA for up to an additional six months to comply with the standards of § 80.510 or 80.520 for the acquired refinery if more than 30 months would be required for the necessary engineering, permitting, construction, and start-up work to be completed. Such applications must include detailed technical information supporting the need for additional time. EPA will base a decision to approve additional time on information provided by the refiner and on other relevant information. In no case will EPA extend the compliance date beyond May 31, 2010 for a refinery acquired from a motor vehicle diesel fuel small refiner or beyond the dates specified in § 80.554(a) or (b), as applicable, for a refinery acquired from a NRLM diesel fuel small refiner.

(c) Refiners who acquire a refinery from a refiner with approved status as a motor vehicle diesel fuel small refiner or a NRLM diesel fuel small refiner under § 80.551(g), shall notify EPA in writing no later than 20 days following the acquisition.

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**§§ 80.556–80.559 [Reserved]**

OTHER HARDSHIP PROVISIONS

**§ 80.560 How can a refiner seek temporary relief from the requirements of this subpart in case of extreme hardship circumstances?**

(a) EPA may, at its discretion, grant a refiner of crude oil that processes crude oil through refinery processing units, for one or more of its refineries, temporary relief from some or all of the provisions of this subpart. Such relief shall be no less stringent than the small refiner compliance options specified in § 80.552 for motor vehicle diesel