

## Environmental Protection Agency

## § 96.5

only fuel oil) that has the highest default NO<sub>x</sub> emission factor of any type of fuel that the unit is allowed to burn under the fuel use restriction in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section; and

(B) Multiply the default NO<sub>x</sub> emission rate under paragraph (b)(1)(iii)(A) of this section by the unit's maximum rated hourly heat input. The owner or operator of the unit may petition the permitting authority to use a lower value for the unit's maximum rated hourly heat input than the value as defined under § 96.2. The permitting authority may approve such lower value if the owner or operator demonstrates that the maximum hourly heat input specified by the manufacturer or the highest observed hourly heat input, or both, are not representative, and that such lower value is representative, of the unit's current capabilities because modifications have been made to the unit, limiting its capacity permanently.

(iv) Require that the owner or operator of the unit shall retain at the source that includes the unit, for 5 years, records demonstrating that the operating hours restriction, the fuel use restriction, and the other requirements of the permit related to these restrictions were met.

(v) Require that the owner or operator of the unit shall report the unit's hours of operation (treating any partial hour of operation as a whole hour of operation) during each control period to the permitting authority by November 1 of each year for which the unit is subject to the federally enforceable permit.

(2) The permitting authority that issues the federally enforceable permit with the fuel use restriction under paragraph (b)(1)(i) and the operating hours restriction under paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section will notify the Administrator in writing of each unit under paragraph (a) of this section whose federally enforceable permit issued by the permitting authority includes such restrictions. The permitting authority will also notify the Administrator in writing of each unit under paragraph (a) of this section whose federally enforceable permit issued by the permitting authority is revised to remove any such restriction,

whose federally enforceable permit issued by the permitting authority includes any such restriction that is no longer applicable, or which does not comply with any such restriction.

(3) If, for any control period under paragraph (b) of this section, the fuel use restriction under paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section or the operating hours restriction under paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section is removed from the unit's federally enforceable permit or otherwise becomes no longer applicable or if, for any such control period, the unit does not comply with the fuel use restriction under paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section or the operating hours restriction under paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section, the unit shall be a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget unit, subject to the requirements of this part. Such unit shall be treated as commencing operation and, for a unit under paragraph (a)(1) of this section, commencing commercial operation on September 30 of the control period for which the fuel use restriction or the operating hours restriction is no longer applicable or during which the unit does not comply with the fuel use restriction or the operating hours restriction.

### § 96.5 Retired unit exemption.

(a) This section applies to any NO<sub>x</sub> Budget unit, other than a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget opt-in source, that is permanently retired.

(b)(1) Any NO<sub>x</sub> Budget unit, other than a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget opt-in source, that is permanently retired shall be exempt from the NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Trading Program, except for the provisions of this section, §§ 96.2, 96.3, 96.4, 96.7 and subparts E, F, and G of this part.

(2) The exemption under paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall become effective the day on which the unit is permanently retired. Within 30 days of permanent retirement, the NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative (authorized in accordance with subpart B of this part) shall submit a statement to the permitting authority otherwise responsible for administering any NO<sub>x</sub> Budget permit for the unit. A copy of the statement shall be submitted to the Administrator. The statement shall state (in a format prescribed by the permitting authority) that the unit is

permanently retired and will comply with the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section.

(3) After receipt of the notice under paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the permitting authority will amend any permit covering the source at which the unit is located to add the provisions and requirements of the exemption under paragraphs (b)(1) and (c) of this section.

(c) *Special provisions.* (1) A unit exempt under this section shall not emit any nitrogen oxides, starting on the date that the exemption takes effect. The owners and operators of the unit will be allocated allowances in accordance with subpart E of this part.

(2)(i) A unit exempt under this section and located at a source that is required, or but for this exemption would be required, to have a title V operating permit shall not resume operation unless the NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative of the source submits a complete NO<sub>x</sub> Budget permit application under §96.22 for the unit not less than 18 months (or such lesser time provided under the permitting authority's title V operating permits regulations for final action on a permit application) prior to the later of May 1, 2003 or the date on which the unit is to first resume operation.

(ii) A unit exempt under this section and located at a source that is required, or but for this exemption would be required, to have a non-title V permit shall not resume operation unless the NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative of the source submits a complete NO<sub>x</sub> Budget permit application under §96.22 for the unit not less than 18 months (or such lesser time provided under the permitting authority's non-title V permits regulations for final action on a permit application) prior to the later of May 1, 2003 or the date on which the unit is to first resume operation.

(3) The owners and operators and, to the extent applicable, the NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative of a unit exempt under this section shall comply with the requirements of the NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Trading Program concerning all periods for which the exemption is not in effect, even if such requirements

arise, or must be complied with, after the exemption takes effect.

(4) A unit that is exempt under this section is not eligible to be a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget opt-in source under subpart I of this part.

(5) For a period of 5 years from the date the records are created, the owners and operators of a unit exempt under this section shall retain at the source that includes the unit, records demonstrating that the unit is permanently retired. The 5-year period for keeping records may be extended for cause, at any time prior to the end of the period, in writing by the permitting authority or the Administrator. The owners and operators bear the burden of proof that the unit is permanently retired.

(6) *Loss of exemption.* (i) On the earlier of the following dates, a unit exempt under paragraph (b) of this section shall lose its exemption:

(A) The date on which the NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative submits a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget permit application under paragraph (c)(2) of this section; or

(B) The date on which the NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative is required under paragraph (c)(2) of this section to submit a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget permit application.

(ii) For the purpose of applying monitoring requirements under subpart H of this part, a unit that loses its exemption under this section shall be treated as a unit that commences operation or commercial operation on the first date on which the unit resumes operation.

#### §96.6 Standard requirements.

(a) *Permit Requirements.* (1) The NO<sub>x</sub> authorized account representative of each NO<sub>x</sub> Budget source required to have a federally enforceable permit and each NO<sub>x</sub> Budget unit required to have a federally enforceable permit at the source shall:

(i) Submit to the permitting authority a complete NO<sub>x</sub> Budget permit application under §96.22 in accordance with the deadlines specified in §96.21(b) and (c);

(ii) Submit in a timely manner any supplemental information that the permitting authority determines is necessary in order to review a NO<sub>x</sub> Budget