

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.

(2) The Administrator will allocate NO_x allowances under subpart E of this part to a unit exempt under this section. For each control period for which the unit is allocated one or more NO_x allowances, the owners and operators of the unit shall specify a general account, in which the Administrator will record such NO_x allowances.

(3) 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.

(4) The owners and operators and, to the extent applicable, the NO_x authorized account representative of a unit exempt under this section shall comply with the requirements of the NO_x 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.

(5)(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_x authorized account representative of the source submits a complete NO_x Budget permit application under §97.22 for the unit not less than 18 months (or such lesser time provided by the permitting authority) before the later of May 31, 2004 or the date on which the unit resumes 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_x authorized account representative of the source submits a complete NO_x Budget permit application under §97.22 for the unit not less than 18 months (or such lesser time provided by the permitting authority) before the later of May 31, 2004 or the date on which the unit is to first resume operation.

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

(i) The date on which the NO_x authorized account representative submits a NO_x Budget permit application under paragraph (c)(5) of this section;

(ii) The date on which the NO_x authorized account representative is required under paragraph (c)(5) of this section to submit a NO_x Budget permit application; or

(iii) The date on which the unit resumes operation, if the unit is not required to submit a NO_x permit application.

(7) 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.

(8) A unit that is exempt under this section is not eligible to be a NO_x Budget opt-in unit under subpart I of this part.

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§97.6 Standard requirements.

(a) *Permit requirements.* (1) The NO_x authorized account representative of each NO_x Budget source required to have a federally enforceable permit and each NO_x Budget unit required to have a federally enforceable permit at the source shall:

(i) Submit to the permitting authority a complete NO_x Budget permit application under §97.22 in accordance with the deadlines specified in §97.21(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_x Budget permit application and issue or deny a NO_x Budget permit.

(2) The owners and operators of each NO_x Budget source required to have a federally enforceable permit and each NO_x Budget unit required to have a federally enforceable permit at the source shall have a NO_x Budget permit issued by the permitting authority and operate the unit in compliance with such NO_x Budget permit.

(3) The owners and operators of a NO_x Budget source that is not otherwise required to have a federally enforceable permit are not required to submit a NO_x Budget permit application, and to have a NO_x Budget permit, under subpart C of this part for such NO_x Budget source.

(b) *Monitoring requirements.* (1) The owners and operators and, to the extent applicable, the NO_x authorized account representative of each NO_x Budget source and each NO_x Budget unit at the source shall comply with the monitoring requirements of subpart H of this part.

(2) The emissions measurements recorded and reported in accordance with subpart H of this part shall be used to determine compliance by the unit with the NO_x Budget emissions limitation under paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Nitrogen oxides requirements.* (1) The owners and operators of each NO_x Budget source and each NO_x Budget unit at the source shall hold NO_x allowances available for compliance deductions under §97.54(a), (b), (e), or (f) as of the NO_x allowance transfer deadline, in the unit's compliance account and the source's overdraft account in an amount not less than the total NO_x emissions for the control period from the unit, as determined in accordance with subpart H of this part, plus any amount necessary to account for actual heat input under §97.42(e) for the control period or to account for excess emissions for a prior control period under §97.54(d) or to account for withdrawal from the NO_x Budget Trading Program, or a change in regulatory status, of a NO_x Budget opt-in unit under §97.86 or §97.87.

(2) Each ton of nitrogen oxides emitted in excess of the NO_x Budget emissions limitation shall constitute a separate violation of this part, the Clean Air Act, and applicable State law.

(3) A NO_x Budget unit shall be subject to the requirements under paragraph (c)(1) of this section starting on the later of May 31, 2004 or the date on which the unit commences operation.

(4) NO_x allowances shall be held in, deducted from, or transferred among NO_x Allowance Tracking System accounts in accordance with subparts E, F, G, and I of this part.

(5) A NO_x allowance shall not be deducted, in order to comply with the requirements under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, for a control period in a year prior to the year for which the NO_x allowance was allocated.

(6) A NO_x allowance allocated by the Administrator under the NO_x Budget Trading Program is a limited authorization to emit one ton of nitrogen oxides in accordance with the NO_x Budget Trading Program. No provision of the NO_x Budget Trading Program, the NO_x Budget permit application, the NO_x Budget permit, or an exemption under §97.4(b) or §97.5 and no provision of law shall be construed to limit the authority of the United States to terminate or limit such authorization.

(7) A NO_x allowance allocated by the Administrator under the NO_x Budget Trading Program does not constitute a property right.

(8) Upon recordation by the Administrator under subpart F or G of this part, every allocation, transfer, or deduction of a NO_x allowance to or from a NO_x Budget unit's compliance account or the overdraft account of the source where the unit is located is incorporated automatically in any NO_x Budget permit of the NO_x Budget unit.

(d) *Excess emissions requirements.* (1) The owners and operators of a NO_x Budget unit that has excess emissions in any control period shall:

(i) Surrender the NO_x allowances required for deduction under §97.54(d)(1); and

(ii) Pay any fine, penalty, or assessment or comply with any other remedy imposed under §97.54(d)(3).

(e) *Recordkeeping and reporting requirements.* (1) Unless otherwise provided, the owners and operators of the NO_x Budget source and each NO_x Budget unit at the source shall keep on site at the source each of the following documents for a period of 5 years from the date the document is created. This period may be extended for cause, at any time prior to the end of 5 years, in writing by the permitting authority or the Administrator.

(i) The account certificate of representation under §97.13 for the NO_x authorized account representative for the source and each NO_x Budget unit at the source and all documents that demonstrate the truth of the statements in the account certificate of representation; provided that the certificate and documents shall be retained on site at the source beyond such 5-year period until such documents are superseded because of the submission of a new account certificate of representation under §97.13 changing the NO_x authorized account representative.

(ii) All emissions monitoring information, in accordance with subpart H of this part; provided that to the extent that subpart H of this part provides for a 3-year period for record-keeping, the 3-year period shall apply.

(iii) Copies of all reports, compliance certifications, and other submissions and all records made or required under the NO_x Budget Trading Program.

(iv) Copies of all documents used to complete a NO_x Budget permit application and any other submission under the NO_x Budget Trading Program or to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the NO_x Budget Trading Program.

(2) The NO_x authorized account representative of a NO_x Budget source and each NO_x Budget unit at the source shall submit the reports and compliance certifications required under the NO_x Budget Trading Program, including those under subpart D, H, or I of this part.

(f) *Liability.* (1) Any person who knowingly violates any requirement or prohibition of the NO_x Budget Trading Program, a NO_x Budget permit, or an exemption under §97.4(b) or §97.5 shall be subject to enforcement pursuant to applicable State or Federal law.

(2) Any person who knowingly makes a false material statement in any record, submission, or report under the NO_x Budget Trading Program shall be subject to criminal enforcement pursuant to the applicable State or Federal law.

(3) No permit revision shall excuse any violation of the requirements of the NO_x Budget Trading Program that occurs prior to the date that the revision takes effect.

(4) Each NO_x Budget source and each NO_x Budget unit shall meet the requirements of the NO_x Budget Trading Program.

(5) Any provision of the NO_x Budget Trading Program that applies to a NO_x Budget source or the NO_x authorized account representative of a NO_x Budget source shall also apply to the owners and operators of such source and of the NO_x Budget units at the source.

(6) Any provision of the NO_x Budget Trading Program that applies to a NO_x Budget unit or the NO_x authorized account representative of a NO_x budget unit shall also apply to the owners and operators of such unit. Except with regard to the requirements applicable to units with a common stack under subpart H of this part, the owners and operators and the NO_x authorized account representative of one NO_x Budget unit shall not be liable for any violation by any other NO_x Budget unit of which they are not owners or operators or the NO_x authorized account representative and that is located at a source of which they are not owners or operators or the NO_x authorized account representative.

(g) *Effect on other authorities.* No provision of the NO_x Budget Trading Program, a NO_x Budget permit application, a NO_x Budget permit, or an exemption under §97.4(b) or §97.5 shall be construed as exempting or excluding the owners and operators and, to the extent applicable, the NO_x authorized account representative of a NO_x Budget source or NO_x Budget unit from compliance with any other provision of the applicable, approved State implementation plan, a federally enforceable permit, or the Clean Air Act.

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