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closed cup flash point of 445 °F (230 °C) or greater.

Equipment means each valve, pump, pressure relief device, sampling connection system, open-ended valve or line, and flange or other connector in VOC service. For the purposes of recordkeeping and reporting only, compressors are considered equipment.

In hydrogen service means that a compressor contains a process fluid that meets the conditions specified in § 60.593a(b).

In light liquid service means that the piece of equipment contains a liquid that meets the conditions specified in § 60.593a(c).

Petroleum means the crude oil removed from the earth and the oils derived from tar sands, shale, and coal.

Petroleum refinery means any facility engaged in producing gasoline, kerosene, distillate fuel oils, residual fuel oils, lubricants, or other products through the distillation of petroleum, or through the redistillation, cracking, or reforming of unfinished petroleum derivatives.

Process unit means the components assembled and connected by pipes or ducts to process raw materials and to produce intermediate or final products from petroleum, unfinished petroleum derivatives, or other intermediates. A process unit can operate independently if supplied with sufficient feed or raw materials and sufficient storage facilities for the product. For the purpose of this subpart, process unit includes any feed, intermediate and final product storage vessels (except as specified in § 60.482-1a(g)), product transfer racks, and connected ducts and piping. A process unit includes all equipment as defined in this subpart.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 73 FR 31376, June 2, 2008, § 60.591a, the definition of "process unit" was stayed until further notice.

§ 60.592a Standards.

(a) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart shall comply with the requirements of §§ 60.482-1a to 60.482-10a as soon as practicable, but no later than 180 days after initial startup.

(b) For a given process unit, an owner or operator may elect to comply with the requirements of paragraphs (b)(1),

(2), or (3) of this section as an alternative to the requirements in § 60.482-7a.

(1) Comply with § 60.483-1a.

(2) Comply with § 60.483-2a.

(3) Comply with the Phase III provisions in § 63.168, except an owner or operator may elect to follow the provisions in § 60.482-7a(f) instead of § 63.168 for any valve that is designated as being leakless.

(c) An owner or operator may apply to the Administrator for a determination of equivalency for any means of emission limitation that achieves a reduction in emissions of VOC at least equivalent to the reduction in emissions of VOC achieved by the controls required in this subpart. In doing so, the owner or operator shall comply with requirements of § 60.484a.

(d) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart shall comply with the provisions of § 60.485a except as provided in § 60.593a.

(e) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart shall comply with the provisions of §§ 60.486a and 60.487a.

§ 60.593a Exceptions.

(a) Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart may comply with the following exceptions to the provisions of subpart VVa of this part.

(b)(1) Compressors in hydrogen service are exempt from the requirements of § 60.592a if an owner or operator demonstrates that a compressor is in hydrogen service.

(2) Each compressor is presumed not to be in hydrogen service unless an owner or operator demonstrates that the piece of equipment is in hydrogen service. For a piece of equipment to be considered in hydrogen service, it must be determined that the percent hydrogen content can be reasonably expected always to exceed 50 percent by volume. For purposes of determining the percent hydrogen content in the process fluid that is contained in or contacts a compressor, procedures that conform to the general method described in ASTM E260-73, 91, or 96, E168-67, 77, or 92, or E169-63, 77, or 93 (incorporated by reference as specified in § 60.17) shall be used.

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(3)(i) An owner or operator may use engineering judgment rather than procedures in paragraph (b)(2) of this section to demonstrate that the percent content exceeds 50 percent by volume, provided the engineering judgment demonstrates that the content clearly exceeds 50 percent by volume. When an owner or operator and the Administrator do not agree on whether a piece of equipment is in hydrogen service, however, the procedures in paragraph (b)(2) of this section shall be used to resolve the disagreement.

(ii) If an owner or operator determines that a piece of equipment is in hydrogen service, the determination can be revised only after following the procedures in paragraph (b)(2).

(c) Any existing reciprocating compressor that becomes an affected facility under provisions of § 60.14 or § 60.15 is exempt from § 60.482-3a(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (h) provided the owner or operator demonstrates that recasting the distance piece or replacing the compressor are the only options available to bring the compressor into compliance with the provisions of § 60.482-3a(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (h).

(d) An owner or operator may use the following provision in addition to § 60.485a(e): Equipment is in light liquid service if the percent evaporated is greater than 10 percent at 150 °C as determined by ASTM Method D86-78, 82, 90, 93, 95, or 96 (incorporated by reference as specified in § 60.17).

(e) Pumps in light liquid service and valves in gas/vapor and light liquid service within a process unit that is located in the Alaskan North Slope are exempt from the requirements of §§ 60.482-2a and 60.482-7a.

(f) Open-ended valves or lines containing asphalt as defined in § 60.591a are exempt from the requirements of § 60.482-6a(a) through (c).

(g) Connectors in gas/vapor or light liquid service are exempt from the requirements in § 60.482-11a, provided the owner or operator complies with § 60.482-8a for all connectors, not just those in heavy liquid service.

Subpart HHH—Standards of Performance for Synthetic Fiber Production Facilities

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§ 60.600 Applicability and designation of affected facility.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the affected facility to which the provisions of this subpart apply is each solvent-spun synthetic fiber process that produces more than 500 Mg (551 ton) of fiber per year.

(b) The provisions of this subpart do not apply to any facility that uses the reaction spinning process to produce spandex fiber or the viscose process to produce rayon fiber.

(c) The provisions of this subpart apply to each facility as identified in paragraph (a) of this section and that commences construction or reconstruction after November 23, 1982. The provisions of this subpart do not apply to facilities that commence modification but not reconstruction after November 23, 1982.

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§ 60.601 Definitions.

All terms that are used in this subpart and are not defined below are given the same meaning as in the Act and in subpart A of this part.

Acrylic fiber means a manufactured synthetic fiber in which the fiber-forming substance is any long-chain synthetic polymer composed of at least 85 percent by weight of acrylonitrile units.

Makeup solvent means the solvent introduced into the affected facility that compensates for solvent lost from the affected facility during the manufacturing process.

Nongaseous losses means the solvent that is not volatilized during fiber production, and that escapes the process and is unavailable for recovery, or is in a form or concentration unsuitable for economical recovery.

Polymer means any of the natural or synthetic compounds of usually high molecular weight that consist of many