§ 66.73 Petition for reconsideration and procedure for hearing.

Within forty-five days of receipt of a notice under §66.72(b) (2) a source owner or operator may petition for reconsideration in the form and manner provided in §66.52. The petition shall be evaluated as provided in §66.53 and any hearing shall be held in conformity with §66.54.

§ 66.74 Payment or reimbursement.

(a) Within thirty days after any adjustment of a noncompliance penalty under this subpart has become administratively final:

(1) Any deficiency owed by the source owner or operator shall be paid as provided in §66.62.

(2) Any reimbursement shall be paid by check from the United States payable to the order of the source owner or operator, and sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

(b) Any payment under paragraph (a) of this section, shall include interest on the amount of the deficiency or reimbursement due, from the date the deficiency or reimbursement arose, at a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury. Such payment shall be calculated in accordance with the Technical Support Document and the Manual.

(c) Any source owner or operator who fails to make timely payment of a deficiency shall pay a nonpayment penalty. The nonpayment penalty shall be calculated as of the due date of the deficiency payment and shall be equal to 20% of the deficiency not paid. Such nonpayment penalty (in addition to the amount of the deficiency owed) shall be payable immediately. If any part of the nonpayment penalty or deficiency shall remain unpaid at the end of three calendar months from the due date of the deficiency, a further nonpayment penalty shall be due equal to 20% of the sum of all payments due and owing. Partial payments shall be credited first against the nonpayment penalty, then the deficiency.

Subpart I—Final Action

§ 66.81 Final action.

(a) A final Agency action appealable to the courts by the source owner or operator includes and is limited to the following, provided the conditions of paragraph (b) of this section are met:

(1) A notice of determination that a source is in violation of applicable legal requirements;

(2) A notice of decision to deny or revoke an exemption under subpart D;

(3) A notice of revision by EPA of a penalty calculation or schedule under subpart F;

(4) A notice of decision by EPA that the source is not in final compliance or any revision by EPA of a final penalty calculation under subpart H; and

(5) A notice of denial of a petition for reconsideration under §66.71 or §66.73.
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(6) A decision by the Administrator upon completion of any review of a State action pursuant to part 67.

(b) The actions listed in paragraph (a) of this section constitute final Agency action only if all administrative remedies have been exhausted. To exhaust administrative remedies, a source owner or operator must first petition for reconsideration of the decision in question and, if unsuccessful after hearing or after denial of hearing, appeal the decision in question to the Environmental Appeals Board. The action becomes final upon the completion of review by the Environmental Appeals Board and notice thereof to the owner or operator of the source.

(c) Where a petition seeks reconsideration both of the finding of noncompliance and of the finding of liability on the ground that the source owner or operator is entitled to an exemption, both questions must be decided before any review by the Environmental Appeals Board is sought, except on agreement of the parties.


Subpart J—Supplemental Rules for Formal Adjudicatory Hearings

§ 66.91 Applicability of supplemental rules.

The Supplemental Rules in this subpart, in conjunction with the Consolidated Rules of Practice (40 CFR part 22) shall govern all hearings held under this part. To the extent that the provisions of these Supplemental Rules or any other provision of this part are inconsistent with the Consolidated Rules, the provisions of this part shall govern.

§ 66.92 Commencement of hearings.

(a) The provisions of 40 CFR 22.08 (Consolidated Rules of Practice) shall become applicable when the Administrator grants a hearing.

(b) Upon granting a hearing the Administrator shall immediately transmit to the appropriate Regional Hearing Clerk two copies of the notice granting the hearing and:

(1) In the case of a hearing pursuant to §66.42, two copies of the notice of noncompliance under §66.11 (or the revocation notice under §66.34) and of the petition of the owner or operator under §66.13, together with supporting documents; and

(2) In the case of a hearing pursuant to §66.53 or §66.73, two copies of the penalty calculation of the source owner or operator provided pursuant to §66.13(a) or §66.72, and of any Agency recalculation pursuant to §66.51(a)(2) or §66.72(b)(2), and of the petition of the source owner or operator for reconsideration pursuant to §66.52 or §66.73, together with supporting documents.

(c) The Regional Hearing Clerk shall open and maintain the official file of the proceeding upon receipt of the documents referred to in paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section.

(d) Upon granting a hearing the Administrator shall request the Chief Administrative Law Judge to designate an Administrative Law Judge to serve as the Presiding Officer. The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall make this designation within seven days of receiving the request, and shall notify the Regional Hearing Clerk of his action. The Regional Hearing Clerk shall forward to the Presiding Officer one set of the documents described in paragraph (b).

§ 66.93 Time limits.

The Presiding Officer upon designation shall notify the parties and shall, if appropriate, schedule a prehearing conference (or alternative procedures) under 40 CFR 22.19 and shall notify the parties of the date of hearing under 40 CFR 22.21. The Presiding Officer shall issue an initial decision no later than ninety days after the hearing is granted, unless an extension of the hearing schedule or of the deadline for decision is agreed to by the parties. To that end, the Presiding Officer may establish such deadlines as are reasonable and necessary. Failure to issue a decision within 90 days or further extended deadline (whether or not by consent) shall not affect the validity of the proceedings.

§ 66.94 Presentation of evidence.

(a) In hearings pursuant to §66.42 EPA shall present evidence of violation of applicable legal requirements. The