

technical basis for these estimates must be provided.

(5) If you produce soda ash using the liquid alkaline feedstock process and use the site-specific emission factor method to estimate emissions (§ 98.293(b)(3)) then you must also retain the following relevant information:

(i) Records of performance test results.

(ii) You must document the procedures used to ensure the accuracy of the annual average vent flow measurements including, but not limited to, calibration of flow rate meters and other measurement devices. The estimated accuracy of measurements made with these devices must also be recorded, and the technical basis for these estimates must be provided.

§ 98.298 Definitions.

All terms used in this subpart have the same meaning given in the Clean Air Act and subpart A of this part.

Subpart DD—Electrical Transmission and Distribution Equipment Use

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§ 98.300 Definition of the source category.

(a) The electrical transmission and distribution equipment use source category consists of all electric transmission and distribution equipment and servicing inventory insulated with or containing sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) or perfluorocarbons (PFCs) used within an electric power system. Electric transmission and distribution equipment and servicing inventory includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Gas-insulated substations.

(2) Circuit breakers.

(3) Switchgear, including closed-pressure and hermetically sealed-pressure switchgear and gas-insulated lines containing SF₆ or PFCs.

(4) Gas containers such as pressurized cylinders.

(5) Gas carts.

(6) Electric power transformers.

(7) Other containers of SF₆ or PFC.

§ 98.301 Reporting threshold.

(a) You must report GHG emissions from an electric power system if the total nameplate capacity of SF₆ and PFC containing equipment (excluding hermetically sealed-pressure equipment) located within the facility, when added to the total nameplate capacity of SF₆ and PFC containing equipment (excluding hermetically sealed-pressure equipment) that is not located within the facility but is under common ownership or control, exceeds 17,820 pounds and the facility meets the requirements of § 98.2(a)(1).

(b) A facility other than an electric power system that is subject to this part because of emissions from any other source category listed in Table A-3 or A-4 in subpart A of this part is not required to report emissions under subpart DD of this part unless the total nameplate capacity of SF₆ and PFC containing equipment located within that facility exceeds 17,820 pounds.

§ 98.302 GHGs to report.

You must report total SF₆ and PFC emissions from your facility (including emissions from fugitive equipment leaks, installation, servicing, equipment decommissioning and disposal, and from storage cylinders) resulting from the transmission and distribution servicing inventory and equipment listed in § 98.300(a). For acquisitions of equipment containing or insulated with SF₆ or PFCs, you must report emissions from the equipment after the title to the equipment is transferred to the electric power transmission or distribution entity.

§ 98.303 Calculating GHG emissions.

(a) Calculate the annual SF₆ and PFC emissions using the mass-balance approach in Equation DD-1 of this section:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{User Emissions} = & (\text{Decrease in SF}_6 \text{ Inventory}) + (\text{Acquisitions} \\ & \text{of SF}_6) - (\text{Disbursements of SF}_6) - (\text{Net Increase in Total} \\ & \text{Nameplate Capacity of Equipment Operated}) \end{aligned}$$

(Eq. DD-1)

where:

Decrease in SF₆ Inventory = (pounds of SF₆ stored in containers, but not in energized equipment, at the beginning of the year)—(pounds of SF₆ stored in containers, but not in energized equipment, at the end of the year).

Acquisitions of SF₆ = (pounds of SF₆ purchased from chemical producers or distributors in bulk) + (pounds of SF₆ purchased from equipment manufacturers or distributors with or inside equipment, including hermetically sealed-pressure switchgear) + (pounds of SF₆ returned to facility after off-site recycling).

Disbursements of SF₆ = (pounds of SF₆ in bulk and contained in equipment that is sold to other entities) + (pounds of SF₆ returned to suppliers) + (pounds of SF₆ sent off site for recycling) + (pounds of SF₆ sent off-site for destruction).

Net Increase in Total Nameplate Capacity of Equipment Operated = (The Nameplate Capacity of new equipment in pounds, including hermetically sealed-pressure switchgear)—(Nameplate Capacity of retiring equipment in pounds, including hermetically sealed-pressure switchgear). (Note that Nameplate Capacity refers to the full and proper charge of equipment rather than to the actual charge, which may reflect leakage).

(b) Use Equation DD-1 of this section to estimate emissions of PFCs from power transformers, substituting the relevant PFC(s) for SF₆ in the equation.

§ 98.304 Monitoring and QA/QC requirements.

(a) For calendar year 2011 monitoring, you may follow the provisions of § 98.3(d)(1) through (d)(2) for best available monitoring methods rather than follow the monitoring requirements of this section. For purposes of this subpart, any reference in § 98.3(d)(1) through (d)(2) to 2010 means 2011, to March 31 means June 30, and to April 1 means July 1. Any reference to the effective date in § 98.3(d)(1) through (d)(2) means February 28, 2011.

(b) You must adhere to the following QA/QC methods for reviewing the completeness and accuracy of reporting:

(1) Review inputs to Equation DD-1 of this section to ensure inputs and outputs to the company's system are included.

(2) Do not enter negative inputs and confirm that negative emissions are not calculated. However, the Decrease in SF₆ Inventory and the Net Increase in Total Nameplate Capacity may be calculated as negative numbers.

(3) Ensure that beginning-of-year inventory matches end-of-year inventory from the previous year.

(4) Ensure that in addition to SF₆ purchased from bulk gas distributors, SF₆ purchased from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and SF₆ returned to the facility from off-site recycling are also accounted for among the total additions.

(c) Ensure the following QA/QC methods are employed throughout the year:

(1) Ensure that cylinders returned to the gas supplier are consistently weighed on a scale that is certified to be accurate and precise to within 2 pounds of the scale's capacity and is periodically recalibrated per the manufacturer's specifications. Either measure residual gas (the amount of gas remaining in returned cylinders) or have the gas supplier measure it. If the gas supplier weighs the residual gas, obtain from the gas supplier a detailed monthly accounting, within ± 2 pounds, of residual gas amounts in the cylinders returned to the gas supplier.

(2) Ensure that cylinders weighed for the beginning and end of year inventory measurements are weighed on a scale that is certified to be accurate to within 2 pounds of the scale's capacity and is periodically recalibrated per the manufacturer's specifications. All scales used to measure quantities that are to be reported under § 98.306 must be calibrated using calibration procedures specified by the scale manufacturer. Calibration must be performed