

this paragraph (e). Any other party deemed liable for a violation under § 80.612 must establish a defense under paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section, as applicable.

(10) *Procedures for obtaining approval of survey plan.* The procedure for obtaining EPA approval of a survey plan under this paragraph (e), and for revocation of such approval, is as follows:

(i) A survey plan that complies with the requirements of this paragraph (e) must be submitted to EPA no later than November 1 of the year preceding the calendar year in which the surveys will be conducted;

(ii) The survey plan must be signed by a responsible officer of the consortium which arranges to have an independent surveyor conduct the survey program;

(iii) The survey plan must be sent to the following address: Director, Compliance and Innovative Strategies Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Mail Code 6506J, Washington, DC 20460;

(iv) EPA will send a letter to the party submitting a survey plan under this section, either approving or disapproving the survey plan;

(v) EPA may revoke any approval of a survey plan under this section for cause, including an EPA determination that the approved survey plan has proved to be inadequate in practice or that it was not diligently implemented;

(vi) The approving official for a survey plan under this section is the Director of the Compliance and Innovative Strategies Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

(vii) Any notifications or reports required to be submitted to EPA under this paragraph (e) must be directed to the official designated in paragraph (e)(10)(vi) of this section.

(11) *Independent surveyor contract.* (i) No later than December 1 of the year preceding the year in which the surveys will be conducted, the contract with the independent surveyor shall be in effect, and an amount of money necessary to carry out the entire survey plan shall be paid to the independent surveyor or placed into an escrow account with instructions to the escrow agent to pay the money to the inde-

pendent surveyor during the course of the conduct of the survey plan.

(ii) No later than December 15 of the year preceding the year in which the surveys will be conducted, EPA must receive a copy of the contract with the independent surveyor, proof that the money necessary to carry out the survey plan has either been paid to the independent surveyor or placed into an escrow account, and, if placed into an escrow account, a copy of the escrow agreement, to be sent to the official designated in paragraph (e)(10)(vi) of this section.

(12) *Failure to fulfill requirements.* A failure to fulfill or cause to be fulfilled any of the requirements of this paragraph (e) will cause the option to use the alternative quality assurance requirement under this paragraph (e) to be void *ab initio*.

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§ 80.614 What are the alternative defense requirements in lieu of § 80.613(a)(1)(vi)?

Any person who blends a MVNRLM diesel fuel additive package into MVNRLM diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standards of § 80.510(b) or (c) or § 80.520(a) which contains a static dissipater additive that has a sulfur content greater than 15 ppm but whose contribution to the sulfur content of the MVNRLM diesel fuel is less than 0.4 ppm at its maximum recommended concentration, and/or red dye that has a sulfur content greater than 15 ppm but whose contribution to the sulfur content of the MVNRLM diesel fuel is less than 0.04 ppm at its maximum recommended concentration, and which contains no other additives with a sulfur content greater than 15 ppm must establish all the following in order to use this section as an alternative to the defense element under § 80.613(a)(1)(vi):

(a)(1) The blender of the additive package has a sulfur content test result for the MVNRLM diesel fuel prior to blending of the additive package that indicates that the additive package, when added, will not cause the

MVNRLM diesel fuel sulfur content to exceed 15 ppm sulfur.

(2) In cases where the storage tank that contains MVNRLM diesel fuel prior to additization contains multiple fuel batches, the blender of the additive package must have sulfur test results on each batch of MVNRLM diesel fuel that was added to the storage tank during the current and previous volumetric accounting reconciliation (VAR) periods, which indicates that the additive package, when added to the component MVNRLM diesel fuel batch in the storage tank with the highest sulfur level would not cause that component batch to exceed 15 ppm sulfur.

(b) The VAR standard is attained as determined under the provisions of this section. The VAR reconciliation standard is attained when the actual concentration of the additive package used per the VAR formula record under paragraph (f) of this section is less than the concentration that would have caused any batch of MVNRLM diesel fuel to exceed a sulfur content of 15 ppm given the maximum sulfur test result on any MVNRLM diesel fuel batch described in paragraph (a) of this section that is additized with the additive package during the VAR period.

(c) The product transfer document complies with the applicable sulfur information requirements of § 80.591.

(d) If more than one additive package containing a static dissipater additive and/or red dye is used during a VAR period, then a separate VAR formula record must be created for MVNRLM diesel fuel additized for each of the additive packages used. In such cases, the amount of the each additive package used must be accurately and separately measured, either through the use of a separate storage tank, a separate meter, or some other measurement system that is able to accurately distinguish its use.

(e) Recorded volumes of MVNRLM diesel fuel and the additive package must be expressed to the nearest gallon (or smaller units), except that additive package volumes of five gallons or less must be expressed to the nearest tenth of a gallon (or smaller units). However, if the blender's equipment cannot accurately measure to the nearest tenth of

a gallon, then such volumes must be rounded upward to the next higher gallon for purposes of determining compliance with this section.

(f) Each VAR formula record must also contain the following information:

(1) *Automated blending facilities.* In the case of an automated additive package blending facility, for each VAR period, for each storage system for an additive package containing a static dissipater additive and/or red dye, and each additive package in that storage system, the following must be recorded:

(i)(A) The manufacturer and commercial identifying name of the package being reconciled, the maximum recommended treatment level, the potential contribution to the sulfur content of the finished fuel that might result when the additive package is used at its maximum recommended treatment level, the intended treatment level, and the contribution to the sulfur content of the finished fuel that would result when the additive package is used at its intended treatment level. The intended treatment level is the treatment level that the additive injection equipment is set to.

(B) The maximum recommended treatment level and the intended treatment level must be expressed in terms of gallons of the additive package per thousand gallons of MVNRLM diesel fuel, and expressed to four significant figures. If the additive package storage system which is the subject of the VAR formula record is a proprietary system under the control of a customer, this fact must be indicated on the record.

(ii) The total volume of the additive package blended into MVNRLM diesel fuel, in accordance with one of the following methods, as applicable.

(A) For a facility which uses in-line meters to measure usage, the total volume of additive package measured, together with supporting data which includes one of the following: the beginning and ending meter readings for each meter being measured, the metered batch volume measurements for each meter being measured, or other comparable metered measurements. The supporting data may be supplied on the VAR formula record or in the form of computer printouts or other

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comparable VAR supporting documentation.

(B) For a facility which uses a gauge to measure the inventory of the additive package storage tank, the total volume of additive package shall be calculated from the following equation:

$$\text{Additive package volume} = (A) - (B) + (C) - (D)$$

Where:

A = Initial additive package inventory of the tank

B = Final additive package inventory of the tank

C = Sum of any additions to additive package inventory

D = Sum of any withdrawals from additive package inventory for purposes other than the additization of MVNRLM diesel fuel.

(C) The value of each variable in the equation in paragraph (f)(1)(ii)(B) of this section must be separately recorded on the VAR formula record. In addition, a list of each additive package addition included in variable C and a list of each additive package withdrawal included in variable D must be provided, either on the formula record or as VAR supporting documentation.

(iii) The total volume of MVNRLM diesel fuel to which the additive package has been added, together with supporting data which includes one of the following: the beginning and ending meter measurements for each meter being measured, the metered batch volume measurements for each meter being measured, or other comparable metered measurements. The supporting data may be supplied on the VAR formula record or in the form of computer printouts or other comparable VAR supporting documentation.

(iv) The actual concentration of the additive package, calculated as the total volume of the additive package added (pursuant to paragraph (f)(1)(ii) of this section), divided by the total volume of MVNRLM diesel fuel (pursuant to paragraph (f)(1)(iii) of this section). The concentration must be calculated and recorded to 4 significant figures.

(v) A list of each additive package concentration rate set for the additive package that is the subject of the VAR record, together with the date and description of each adjustment to any

initially set concentration. The concentration adjustment information may be supplied on the VAR formula record or in the form of computer printouts or other comparable VAR supporting documentation. No concentration setting is permitted above the maximum recommended concentration supplied by the additive manufacturer, except as described in paragraph (f)(1)(vii) of this section.

(vi) The dates of the VAR period, which shall be no longer than thirty-one days. If the VAR period is contemporaneous with a calendar month, then specifying the month will fulfill this requirement; if not, then the beginning and ending dates and times of the VAR period must be listed. The times may be supplied on the VAR formula record or in supporting documentation. Any adjustment to any additive package concentration rate initially set in the VAR period shall terminate that VAR period and initiate a new VAR period, except as provided in paragraph (f)(1)(vii) of this section.

(vii) The concentration setting for the additive package injector may be changed from the concentration initially set in the VAR period without terminating that VAR period, provided that:

(A) The purpose of the change is to correct a batch under-additization prior to the end of the VAR period and prior to the transfer of the batch to another party, or to correct an equipment malfunction where there has been no over-additization of the additive;

(B) The concentration is immediately returned after the correction to a concentration that fulfills the requirements of this paragraph (f);

(C) The blender creates and maintains documentation establishing the date and adjustments of the correction; and

(D) If the correction is initiated only to rectify an equipment malfunction, and the amount of additive package used in this procedure is not added to MVNRLM diesel fuel within the compliance period, then this amount is subtracted from the additive package volume listed on the VAR formula record. In such a case, the addition of this amount of additive must be reflected in the following VAR period.

(viii) The measured sulfur level for each batch of MVNRLM diesel fuel to which the additive package is added during each VAR period. In cases where the storage tank that contains MVNRLM diesel fuel prior to additization contains multiple fuel batches, a measured sulfur level on each batch added to the storage tank during the current and previous VAR periods must be recorded.

(2) *Non-automated facilities.* In the case of a facility in which hand blending or any other non-automated method is used to blend the additive packages, for each additive package and for each batch of MVNRLM diesel fuel to which the additive package is being added, the following shall be recorded:

(i) The manufacturer and commercial identifying name of the additive package being reconciled, the maximum recommended treatment level, the potential contribution to the sulfur content of the finished fuel that might result when the additive package is used at its maximum recommended treatment level, the intended treatment level, and the contribution to the sulfur content of the finished fuel that would result when the additive package is used at its intended treatment level.

(A) The maximum recommended treatment level and the intended treatment level must be expressed in terms of gallons of additive package per thousand gallons of MVNRLM diesel fuel, and expressed to four significant figures.

(B) If the additive package storage system which is the subject of the VAR formula record is a proprietary system under the control of a customer, this fact must be indicated on the record.

(ii) The date of the additization that is the subject of the VAR formula record.

(iii) The volume of added additive package.

(iv) The volume of the MVNRLM diesel fuel to which the additive package has been added.

(v) The brand (if known) of MVNRLM diesel fuel.

(vi) The actual additive package concentration, calculated as the volume of added additive package (pursuant to paragraph (f)(1)(ii)(B) of this section), divided by the volume of MVNRLM die-

sel fuel (pursuant to paragraph (f)(1)(iii) of this section). The concentration must be calculated and recorded to four significant figures.

(vii) The measured sulfur level for each batch of MVNRLM diesel fuel to which the additive package is added during each VAR period. In cases where the storage tanks that contains MVNRLM diesel fuel prior to additization contains multiple fuel batches, a measured sulfur level on each batch added to the storage tank during the current and previous VAR periods must be recorded.

(3) *VAR formula records.* Every VAR formula record created pursuant to paragraphs (f)(1) and (f)(2) of this section shall contain the following:

(i) The signature of the creator of the VAR record;

(ii) The date of the creation of the VAR record; and

(iii) A certification of correctness by the creator of the VAR record.

(4) *Electronically-generated VAR formula and supporting records.* (i) Electronically-generated records are acceptable for VAR formula records and supporting documentation (including PTDs), provided that they are complete, accessible, and easily readable. VAR formula records must also be stored with access and audit security, which must restrict to a limited number of specified people those who have the ability to alter or delete the records. In addition, parties maintaining records electronically must make available to EPA the hardware and software necessary to review the records.

(ii) Electronically-generated VAR formula records may use an electronic user identification code to satisfy the signature requirements of paragraph (f)(3)(i) of this section, provided that:

(A) The use of the identification is limited to the record creator; and

(B) A paper record is maintained, which is signed and dated by the VAR formula record creator, acknowledging that the use of that particular user ID on a VAR formula record is equivalent to his/her signature on the document.

(5) *Calibration requirements for automated blending facilities.* Automated static dissipater additive package blenders must calibrate their additive

package equipment at least once in each calendar half year, with the acceptable calibrations being no less than one hundred twenty days apart, except that calibrations may be closer in time so long as at least two calibrations meet the requirements to be in separate halves of the calendar year and no less than 120 days apart. Equipment recalibration is also required each time the static dissipater additive package is changed, unless written documentation indicates that the new additive package has the same viscosity as the previous additive package. Additive package change calibrations may be used to satisfy the semiannual requirement provided that the calibrations occur in the appropriate half calendar year and are no less than one hundred twenty days apart.

(6) *Additional VAR documentation.* The following VAR supporting documentation must also be created and maintained:

(i) For all automated additive package blending facilities, documentation reflecting performance of the calibrations required by paragraph (f)(5) of this section, and any associated adjustments of the automated additive package injection equipment;

(ii) For all blending facilities that blend an additive package containing a static dissipater additive and/or red dye, product transfer documents for all such additive packages, and MVNRLM diesel fuel transferred into or out of the facility that is additized with an additive package containing a static dissipater additive and/or red dye;

(iii) For all automated additive package blending facilities that use an additive package containing a static dissipater additive and/or red dye, documentation establishing the brands (if known) of the MVNRLM diesel fuel which is the subject of the VAR formula record; and

(iv) For all hand blenders of an additive package that contains a static dissipater additive and/or red dye, the documentation, if in the party's possession, supporting the volumes of MVNRLM diesel fuel and additive package reported on the VAR formula record.

(7) *Document retention and availability.* All blenders of an additive package

that contains a static dissipater additive and/or red dye shall retain the documents required under this section for a period of five years from the date the VAR formula records and supporting documentation are created, and shall deliver them upon request to the EPA Administrator or the Administrator's authorized representative.

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (f)(7)(iii) of this section, automated additive package blender facilities and hand-blender facilities which are terminals, which physically blend an additive package that contains a static dissipater additive and/or red dye into MVNRLM diesel fuel, must make immediately available to EPA, upon request, the preceding twelve months of VAR formula records plus the preceding two months of VAR supporting documentation.

(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (f)(7)(iii) of this section, other hand-blending additive package facilities which physically blend an additive package that contains a static dissipater additive and/or red dye into MVNRLM diesel fuel must make immediately available to EPA, upon request, the preceding two months of VAR formula records and VAR supporting documentation.

(iii) Facilities which have centrally maintained records at other locations, or have customers who maintain their own records at other locations for their proprietary additive package injection systems, and which can document this fact to the Agency, may have until the start of the next business day after the EPA request to supply VAR supporting documentation, or longer if approved by the Agency.

(iv) In this paragraph (f)(7), the term "immediately available" means that the records must be provided, electronically or otherwise, within approximately one hour of EPA's request, or within a longer time frame as approved by EPA.

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§ 80.615 What penalties apply under this subpart?

(a) Any person liable for a violation under § 80.612 is subject to civil penalties as specified in section 205 of the