means all onshore or offshore equipment that receives natural gas, liquefies natural gas, stores LNG, and transfers the LNG via ocean transportation to any location, including locations in the United States.

(8) *Natural gas distribution.* Natural gas distribution means the distribution pipelines and metering and regulating equipment at metering-regulating stations that are operated by a Local Distribution Company (LDC) within a single state that is regulated as a separate operating company by a public utility commission or that is operated as an independent municipally-owned distribution system. This segment also excludes customer meters and regulators, infrastructure, and pipelines (both interstate and intrastate) delivering natural gas directly to major industrial users and farm taps upstream of the local distribution company inlet.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 98.231 Reporting threshold.

(a) You must report GHG emissions under this subpart if your facility contains petroleum and natural gas systems and the facility meets the requirements of §98.2(a)(2). Facilities must report emissions from the onshore petroleum and natural gas production industry segment only if emission sources specified in paragraph §98.232(c) emit 25,000 metric tons of CO_2 equivalent or more per year. Facilities must report emissions from the natural gas distribution industry segment only if emission sources specified in paragraph §98.232(i) emit 25,000 metric tons of CO_2 equivalent or more per year.

(b) For applying the threshold defined in §98.2(a)(2), natural gas processing facilities must also include owned or operated residue gas compression equipment.

§ 98.232 GHGs to report.

(a) You must report CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from each industry segment specified in paragraph (b) through (i) of this section, CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from each flare as specified in paragraph (b) through (i) of this section, and stationary and portable combustion emissions as applicable as specified in paragraph (k) of this section.

(b) For offshore petroleum and natural gas production, report CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from equipment leaks, vented emission, and flare emission source types as identified in the data collection and emissions estimation study conducted by BOEMRE in compliance with 30 CFR 250.302 through 304. Offshore platforms do not need to report portable emissions.

(c) For an onshore petroleum and natural gas production facility, report CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from only the following source types on a single well-pad or associated with a single well-pad:

(1) Natural gas pneumatic device venting.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) Natural gas driven pneumatic pump venting.

(4) Well venting for liquids unloading.

(5) Gas well venting during well completions without hydraulic fracturing.

(6) Gas well venting during well completions with hydraulic fracturing.

(7) Gas well venting during well workovers without hydraulic fracturing.

(8) Gas well venting during well workovers with hydraulic fracturing.

(9) Flare stack emissions.

(10) Storage tanks vented emissions from produced hydrocarbons.

(11) Reciprocating compressor rod packing venting.

(12) Well testing venting and flaring.

(13) Associated gas venting and flaring from produced hydrocarbons.

(14) Dehydrator vents.

(15) [Reserved]

(16) EOR injection pump blowdown.

(17) Acid gas removal vents.

(18) EOR hydrocarbon liquids dissolved CO_2.

(19) Centrifugal compressor venting.

(20) [Reserved]

(21) Equipment leaks from valves, connectors, open ended lines, pressure relief valves, pumps, flanges, and other equipment leak sources (such as instruments, loading arms, stuffing boxes, compressor seals, dump lever arms, and breather caps).

(22) You must use the methods in §98.233(z) and report under this subpart

the emissions of CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O from stationary or portable fuel combustion equipment that cannot move on roadways under its own power and drive train, and that is located at an onshore petroleum and natural gas production facility as defined in §98.238. Stationary or portable equipment are the following equipment, which are integral to the extraction, processing, or movement of oil or natural gas: well drilling and completion equipment, workover equipment, natural gas dehydrators, natural gas compressors, electrical generators, steam boilers, and process heaters.

(d) For onshore natural gas processing, report CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from the following sources:

(1) Reciprocating compressor rod packing venting.

(2) Centrifugal compressor venting.

(3) Blowdown vent stacks.

(4) Dehydrator vents.

(5) Acid gas removal vents.

(6) Flare stack emissions.

(7) Equipment leaks from valves, connectors, open ended lines, pressure relief valves, and meters.

(e) For onshore natural gas transmission compression, report CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from the following sources:

(1) Reciprocating compressor rod packing venting.

(2) Centrifugal compressor venting.

(3) Transmission storage tanks.

(4) Blowdown vent stacks.

(5) Natural gas pneumatic device venting.

(6) [Reserved]

(7) Equipment leaks from valves, connectors, open ended lines, pressure relief valves, and meters.

(f) For underground natural gas storage, report CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from the following sources:

(1) Reciprocating compressor rod packing venting.

(2) Centrifugal compressor venting.

(3) Natural gas pneumatic device venting.

(4) [Reserved]

(5) Equipment leaks from valves, connectors, open ended lines, pressure relief valves, and meters.

(g) For LNG storage, report CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from the following sources:

(1) Reciprocating compressor rod packing venting.

(2) Centrifugal compressor venting.

(3) Equipment leaks from valves; pump seals; connectors; vapor recovery compressors, and other equipment leak sources.

(h) LNG import and export equipment, report CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from the following sources:

(1) Reciprocating compressor rod packing venting.

(2) Centrifugal compressor venting.

(3) Blowdown vent stacks.

(4) Equipment leaks from valves, pump seals, connectors, vapor recovery compressors, and other equipment leak sources.

(i) For natural gas distribution, report CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from the following sources:

(1) Meters, regulators, and associated equipment at above grade transmission-distribution transfer stations, including equipment leaks from connectors, block valves, control valves, pressure relief valves, orifice meters, regulators, and open ended lines.

(2) Equipment leaks from vaults at below grade transmission-distribution transfer stations.

(3) Meters, regulators, and associated equipment at above grade metering-regulating station.

(4) Equipment leaks from vaults at below grade metering-regulating stations.

(5) Pipeline main equipment leaks.

(6) Service line equipment leaks.

(7) Report under subpart W of this part the emissions of CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from stationary fuel combustion sources following the methods in §98.233(z)

(j) [Reserved]

(k) Report under subpart C of this part (General Stationary Fuel Combustion Sources) the emissions of CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O from each stationary fuel combustion unit by following the requirements of subpart C except for facilities under onshore petroleum and natural gas production and natural gas distribution. Onshore petroleum and natural gas production facilities must report stationary and portable combustion emissions as specified in paragraph (c) of this section. Natural gas

distribution facilities must report stationary combustion emissions as specified in paragraph (i) of this section.

(l) You must report under subpart PP of this part (Suppliers of Carbon Dioxide), CO_2 emissions captured and transferred off site by following the requirements of subpart PP.

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§ 98.233 Calculating GHG emissions.

You must calculate and report the annual GHG emissions as prescribed in this section. For actual conditions, reporters must use average atmospheric conditions or typical operating conditions as applicable to the respective monitoring methods in this section.

(a) *Natural gas pneumatic device venting.* Calculate CH_4 and CO_2 emissions from continuous high bleed, continuous low bleed, and intermittent bleed natural gas pneumatic devices using Equation W–1 of this section.

$$Mass_{t,i} = Count_t * EF_t * GHG_i * Conv_i * T_t \qquad \text{(Eq. W-1)}$$

Where:

$Mass_{t,i}$ = Annual total mass GHG emissions in metric tons CO_2e per year from a natural gas pneumatic device vent of type ''t'', for GHG_i.

$Count_t$ = Total number of natural gas pneumatic devices of type ''t'' (continuous high bleed, continuous low bleed, intermittent bleed) as determined in paragraph (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) of this section.

EF_t = Population emission factors for natural gas pneumatic device venting listed in Tables W–1A, W–3, and W–4 of this subpart for onshore petroleum and natural gas production, onshore natural gas transmission compression, and underground natural gas storage facilities, respectively.

GHG_i = For onshore petroleum and natural gas production facilities, concentration of GHG_i, CH_4, or CO_2, in natural gas as defined in paragraph (u)(2)(i) of this section and for onshore natural gas transmission compression and underground natural gas storage, GHG_i equals 0.975 for CH_4 and 1.1×10^{-2} for CO_2.

$Conv_i$ = Conversion from standard cubic feet to metric tons CO_2e; 0.000479 for CH_4, and 0.00005262 for CO_2.

T_t = Average estimated number of hours in the operating year the devices, of each type t, were operational. Default is 8760 hours.

(1) For onshore petroleum and natural gas production, provide the total number of continuous high bleed, continuous low bleed, or intermittent bleed natural gas pneumatic devices of each type as follows:

(i) In the first calendar year, for the total number of each type, you may count the total of each type, or count any percentage number of each type plus an engineering estimate based on best available data of the number not counted.

(ii) In the second consecutive year, for the total number of each type, you may count the total of each type, or count any percentage number of each type plus an engineering estimate based on best available data of the number not counted.

(iii) In the third consecutive calendar year, complete the count of all pneumatic devices, including any changes to equipment counted in prior years.

(iv) For the calendar year immediately following the third consecutive calendar year, and for calendar years thereafter, facilities must update the total count of pneumatic devices and adjust accordingly to reflect any modifications due to changes in equipment.

(2) For onshore natural gas transmission compression and underground natural gas storage, all natural gas pneumatic devices must be counted in the first year and updated every calendar year.

(3) For all industry segments, determine the type of pneumatic device using engineering estimates based on best available information.

(b) [Reserved]

(c) *Natural gas driven pneumatic pump venting.* Calculate CH_4 and CO_2 emissions from natural gas driven pneumatic pump venting using Equation W–2 of this section. Natural gas driven