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Engine Rules: Continuing Confusions

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We're now in overtime



Nonroad engines do not apply

- > Nonroad RICE are not subject to IIII, JJJJ, or ZZZZ
- > Lots of RICE qualify as nonroad
 - Self-propelled
 - Propelled while functioning
 - Portable or transportable
 - Designed to be moved
 - Wheels, skids, handles, etc.
 - And actually is moved routinely
 - Once per year/season
- > Consider both location and purpose





Performance test v. compliance demonstration

- Reference method testing is not required for some engines, even if they have to install controls
 - Existing, four-stroke, rich or lean burn, > 500 hp, area source, not remote
- > The compliance demonstration is initial and annual catalyst activity checks
 - Portable electrochemical analyzer
 - (a 15-minute run; not 3-hour tests)
- > No 60-day notification required

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> No site-specific test plan required



Test method concern

- Mass emission rates are directly proportional to exhaust gas velocity (flow) so accurate measurements of velocity are critical
- > Method 2 has ~10% error in ideal conditions and worse for engine exhaust
 - Velocities tend to be large and variable
- > Consider Method 19 instead of Method 2. Will need:
 - Fuel flow meter
 - Site-specific gas analysis
 - Excess air (from CO₂ / O₂ concentrations)



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CPMS deviation reporting

- > Any 4-hour rolling average temperature out of range (450 °F to 1350 °F) is a deviation
 - No allowances
 - Averages span shutdown periods
 - 30 minutes allowed for startups

* 4-hour rolling averages are based on four 1-hour block averages, each from four 15-minute readings

Engine control types

> Oxidation Catalyst

- Controls CO, HC, organics
- Typically used with lean-burn RICE
- * Can change the form of NO_X
- * Can oxidize SO_2 to SO_3 and NH_3 to NO_X
 - a.k.a., Catalytic Oxidation, OxCat, CatOx, Two-Way Catalyst
- > Non-Selective Catalytic Reduction
 - Controls CO, HC, and NO_X from rich-burn RICE
 - * Relies on AFRC and exhaust O_2 sensor to maintain ideal AFR
 - a.k.a., NSCR, Three-Way Catalyst, Catalytic Converter (usually)
 - * This is not SNCR (or SCR), which involve ammonia/urea injection
- > All are susceptible to fouling from SO₂/PM/metals



Engine control types

> Lean NO_X Catalyst

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- Controls NO_x from lean-burn engines (not yet widespread)
- Requires periodic regeneration typically done by injecting supplemental fuel

> Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)

- Controls NO_X using urea/ammonia injection in presence of a catalyst
- Principally used on lean-burn engines
- > Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction (SNCR)
 - Controls NO_x using urea/ammonia injection
 - Requires narrow temp. window typically found only with boilers (included here only to emphasize potential confusion with NSCR)
- > All are susceptible to fouling from SO₂/PM/metals



Section 5 Quiz A Emergency or Not?

- > Scheduled downtime
- > Leak in the fire sprinkler system
- Generator/engine system wiring fault (causing engine to run on its own)
- > Internal power plant trips offline
- > Unplanned transformer outage (automatic or manual)
- Failure of battery backup for data storage
- > Operation in anticipation of power outage (e.g., due to storm)

- > Not emergency
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- > Not emergency



Operation logs

- > A log of total monthly hours is not complete
 - Even if split into emergency and non-emergency subtotals
- > The record should address <u>each</u> period of operation individually
 - Include the classification (emergency or nonemergency) and reasoning





What if you operate an emergency engine more than the allowable non-emergency hours?

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- > Based on EPA's April 2, 2013 Q&A document, it is then forever a nonemergency engine
- > Based on EPA's RTC 10.2.1 published with the 2013 rule preamble, a decision will be made on a "case-by-case" basis



Forget the operational limits

- For several types of engines, it is easier to comply with non-emergency provisions than with emergency provisions
 - Maintenance requirements only v.
 maintenance requirements + hours records
- > Major source existing RICE < 100 hp</p>
- > Area source existing CI RICE < 300 hp</p>
- > Area source existing 4S RICE < 500 hp</p>
- > Area source existing 2S RICE
- > Area source existing 4S remote RICE



On-line CEDRI reporting for emergency RICE

- > Only required if...
 - ☆ > 100 hp

and



Operated or contractually obligated to be available
 > 15 hours/year for EDR

or

 Operated for periods where there is a 5% or greater deviation in voltage or frequency

or

Operated for local grid system reliability



There is a gap in the regs

- > At an area source, any engine constructed (on-site installation) after 6/12/06 has no ZZZZ requirements
 - It is still technically an affected source
- > If the same engine was manufactured before the applicable NSPS date, IIII / JJJJ does not apply
 - * NSPS IIII 4/1/06
 - * NSPS JJJJ 1/1/08 for lean burn RICE with 500 \leq HP < 1350
 - 7/1/07 for other RICE with HP \ge 500
 - 7/1/08 for RICE with HP < 500
 - 1/1/09 for emergency RICE with HP > 25



Oft-forgotten exemption Residential, Commercial, Institutional

- Only for <u>existing</u> emergency engines at HAP area sources
- > EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0708
 - NAICS codes



- > Conflicting informal determinations about engines at office buildings co-located with manufacturing facilities
 - EPA has said the exemption applies, presumably because such engines were not included in the Urban Air Toxics Strategy Inventory
 - Some states (not AR) has said it does not
- > We have seen controls come off engines once this exemption is fully understand
- > EPA has recently been criticizing these exemptions during inspections



PTE based on Tier standards

> Tier standards are <u>averages</u>

- * "For direct compliance, the applicable emission [Tier] standard is specified by regulation based on the <u>sales-weighted average rated</u> <u>power</u> of all engines produced <u>for the engine family</u>" (CARB)
- > So, like an AP-42 factor, any particular engine may be below <u>or above</u> the Tier standard...IF it is ever tested
 - * "While new stationary CI engines are certified...the regulation adopted not-to-exceed limits (NTE) that apply to these same engines while in-use. ...when required to test, owners and operators have to meet the NTE limits." (EPA, O/O Guidance Doc for the NSPS for CI ICE, Section 1.0)
- > On the flip-side, the Tier standards for CO for small SI engines can be very large (10 × AP-42 or more), making even single-digit HP engines look like major sources



Determining applicability of rental engines

- > Changes in ownership and location do <u>not</u> constitute modifications
- > Thus, applicability (e.g., Tier) of any engine is based on when that engine was *first* ordered/installed
- > Rental companies need to keep track of each engine's pedigree

Where and when it has been operated

All modification and reconstruction determinations

> Also, always get Certificates of Conformity for each NSPS engine



No nameplate, specification sheet, or purchase record

- > Manufacture date dilemma
 - Can you confidently say it is pre-2006?
 - If yes, call it <u>existing</u>
 - If no, you may have to call it <u>new</u>
- > Horsepower dilemma
 - - If yes, assume an efficiency (35% for SI and 40% for CI) to calculate power output
 - Else, if the engine is powering an electric generator (with a known kW output)
 - Assume an efficiency of the generator (85%)



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