§ 61.255  Recordkeeping requirements.
(a) The owner or operator of any uranium recovery facility must maintain records that confirm that the conventional impoundment(s), non-conventional impoundment(s) and heap leach pile(s) subject to this subpart at the facility meet the requirements in 40 CFR 192.32(a)(1). These records shall include, but not be limited to, the results of liner compatibility tests.
(b) The owner or operator of any uranium recovery facility with non-conventional impoundments must maintain written records from daily inspections and other records confirming that any sediments have remained saturated in the non-conventional impoundments at the facility. Periodic digital photographic evidence, with embedded date stamp and other identifying metadata, shall be collected no less frequently than weekly to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of § 61.252(b). Should inspection reveal that a non-conventional impoundment is not in compliance with the requirements of § 61.252(b), the owner or operator shall collect photographic evidence before and after the non-compliance is corrected.
(c) The records required in paragraphs (a) and (b) in this section must be kept at the uranium recovery facility for the operational life of the facility and must be made available for inspection by the Administrator, or his authorized representative.
   (1) Digital photographs taken to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of § 61.252(c) shall be submitted electronically using the Subpart W Impoundment Photographic Reporting (SWIPR) system that is accessed through EPA’s Central Data Exchange (CDX) (cdx.epa.gov) at least monthly.
   (i) Owners and operators must also submit information identifying the facility and facility location, the name or other designation of each impoundment, and the date and time of each photograph.
   (ii) If the reporting form specific to this subpart is not available in SWIPR, the owner or operator must retain the digital photographs at the facility and provide them to the EPA or authorized State upon request, with the supporting information required in paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section.
(2) [Reserved]

§ 61.256  Exemption from the reporting and testing requirements of 40 CFR 61.10.
All facilities designated under this subpart are exempt from the reporting requirements of 40 CFR 61.10.

Subpart X  [Reserved]

Subpart Y—National Emission Standard for Benzene Emissions From Benzene Storage Vessels

SOURCE: 54 FR 38077, Sept. 14, 1989, unless otherwise noted.

§ 61.270  Applicability and designation of sources.
(a) The source to which this subpart applies is each storage vessel that is storing benzene having a specific gravity within the range of specific gravities specified in ASTM D836–84 for Industrial Grade Benzene, ASTM D835–85 for Refined Benzene–485, ASTM D2359–85a or 95 for Refined Benzene–535, and ASTM D4734–87 or 96 for Refined Benzene–545. These specifications are incorporated by reference as specified in § 61.18. See § 61.18 for acceptable versions of these methods.
(b) Except for paragraph (b) in § 61.276, storage vessels with a design storage capacity less than 38 cubic meters (10,000 gallons) are exempt from the provisions of this subpart.
(c) This subpart does not apply to storage vessels used for storing benzene at coke by-product facilities.
(d) This subpart does not apply to vessels permanently attached to motor vehicles such as trucks, rail cars, barges, or ships.
(e) This subpart does not apply to pressure vessels designed to operate in excess of 204.9 kPa (29.72 psia) and without emissions to the atmosphere.
(f) A designated source subject to the provisions of this subpart that is also subject to applicable provisions of 40 CFR part 60 subparts K, Ka, and Kb shall be required to comply only with
the subpart that contains the most stringent requirements for that source.

(g) Alternative means of compliance—
(1) Option to comply with part 65. Owners or operators may choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart C, to satisfy the requirements of §§61.271 through 61.277, except for §§61.271(d)(2) and 61.274(a) for storage vessels that are subject to this subpart. Other provisions applying to owners or operators who choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65 are provided in 40 CFR 65.1.

(2) Part 61, subpart A. Owners or operators who choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart C, must also comply with §§61.01, 61.02, 61.05 through 61.08, 61.10(b) through (d), 61.11, and 61.15 for those storage vessels. All sections and paragraphs of subpart A of this part that are not mentioned in this paragraph (g)(2) do not apply for storage vessels complying with 40 CFR part 65 still apply. Owners and operators who choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart C, must comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart A.


The owner or operator of each storage vessel with a design storage capacity greater than or equal to 38 cubic meters (10,000 gallons) to which this subpart applies shall comply with the requirements in paragraph (d) of this section and with the requirements either in paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section, or equivalent as provided in §61.273.

(a) The storage vessel shall be equipped with a fixed roof and an internal floating roof.

(1) An internal floating roof means a cover that rests on the liquid surface (but not necessarily in complete contact with it) inside a storage vessel that has a permanently affixed roof. The internal floating roof shall be floating on the liquid surface at all times, except during initial fill and during those intervals when the storage vessel is completely emptied or subsequently emptied and refilled. When the roof is resting on the leg supports, the process of filling, emptying, or refilling shall be continuous and shall be accomplished as rapidly as possible.

(2) Each internal floating roof shall be equipped with one of the closure devices listed in paragraphs (a)(2) (i), (ii), or (iii) of this section between the wall of the storage vessel and the edge of the internal floating roof. This requirement does not apply to each existing storage vessel for which construction of an internal floating roof equipped with a continuous seal commenced on or before July 28, 1988. A continuous seal means a seal that forms a continuous closure that completely covers the space between the wall of the storage vessel and the edge of the internal floating roof.

(i) A foam- or liquid-filled seal mounted in contact with the liquid (liquid-mounted seal). A liquid-mounted seal means a foam- or liquid-filled seal mounted in contact with the liquid between the wall of the storage vessel and the floating roof continuously around the circumference of the vessel.

(ii) Two seals mounted one above the other so that each forms a continuous closure that completely covers the space between the wall of the storage vessel and the edge of the internal floating roof. The lower seal may be vapor-mounted, but both must be continuous.

(iii) A metallic shoe seal. A metallic shoe seal (also referred to as a mechanical shoe seal) is, but is not limited to, a metal sheet held vertically against the wall of the storage vessel by springs or weighted levers and is connected by braces to the floating roof. A flexible coated fabric (envelope) spans the annular space between the metal sheet and the floating roof.

(3) Automatic bleeder vents are to be closed at all times when the roof is floating, except when the roof is being floated off or is being landed on the roof leg supports.

(4) Each opening in a noncontact internal floating roof except for automatic bleeder vents (vacuum breaker vents) and the rim space vents is to provide a projection below the liquid surface.
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(5) Each internal floating roof shall meet the specifications listed below. If an existing storage vessel had an internal floating roof with a continuous seal as of July 28, 1988, the requirements listed below do not have to be met until the first time after September 14, 1989, the vessel is emptied and degassed or September 14, 1999, whichever occurs first.

(i) Each opening in the internal floating roof except for leg sleeves, automatic bleeder vents, rim space vents, column wells, ladder wells, sample wells, and stub drains is to be equipped with a cover or lid. The cover or lid shall be equipped with a gasket. Covers on each access hatch and automatic gauge float well shall be bolted.

(ii) Each penetration of the internal floating roof for the purposes of sampling shall be a sample well. Each sample well shall have a slit fabric cover that covers at least 90 percent of the opening.

(iii) Each automatic bleeder vent shall be gasketed.

(iv) Rim space vents shall be equipped with a gasket.

(v) Each penetration of the internal floating roof that allows for passage of a ladder shall have a gasketed sliding cover.

(vi) Each penetration of the internal floating roof that allows for passage of a column supporting the fixed roof shall have a flexible fabric sleeve seal or a gasketed sliding cover.

(6) Each cover or lid on any opening in the internal floating roof shall be closed (i.e., no visible gaps), except when a device is in actual use. Covers on each access hatch and each automatic gauge float well which are equipped with bolts shall be bolted when they are not in use. Rim space vents are to be set to open only when the internal floating roof is not floating or at the manufacturer’s recommended setting.

(b) The storage vessel shall have an external floating roof.

(1) An external floating roof means a pontoon-type or double-deck-type cover that rests on the liquid surface in a vessel with no fixed roof.

(2) Each external floating roof shall be equipped with a closure device between the wall of the storage vessel and the roof edge. Except as provided in paragraph (b)(5) of this section, the closure device is to consist of two seals, one above the other. The lower seal is referred to as the primary seal and the upper seal is referred to as the secondary seal.

(i) The primary seal shall be either a metallic shoe seal or a liquid-mounted seal. A liquid-mounted seal means a foam- or liquid-filled seal mounted in contact with the liquid between the wall of the storage vessel and the floating roof continuously around the circumference of the vessel. A metallic shoe seal (which can also be referred to as a mechanical shoe seal) is, but is not limited to, a metal sheet held vertically against the wall of the storage vessel by springs or weighted levers and is connected by braces to the floating roof. A flexible coated fabric (envelope) spans the annular space between the metal sheet and the floating roof. Except as provided in §61.272(b)(4), the primary seal shall completely cover the annular space between the edge of the floating roof and the vessel wall.

(ii) The secondary seal shall completely cover the annular space between the external floating roof and the wall of the storage vessel in a continuous fashion except as allowed in §61.272(b)(4).

(3) Except for automatic bleeder vents and rim space vents, each opening in the noncontact external floating roof shall provide a projection below the liquid surface. Except for automatic bleeder vents, rim space vents, roof drains, and leg sleeves, each opening in the roof is to be equipped with a gasketed cover, seal or lid which is to be maintained in a closed position at all times (i.e., no visible gap) except when the device is in actual use. Automatic bleeder vents are to be closed at all times when the roof is floating, except when the roof is being floated off or is being landed on the roof leg supports. Rim vents are to be set to open when the roof is being floated off the roof leg supports or at the manufacturer’s recommended setting. Automatic bleeder vents and rim space vents are to be gasketed. Each emergency roof drain is to be provided with a slotted membrane fabric cover that covers at
least 90 percent of the area of the opening.

(4) The roof shall be floating on the liquid at all times (i.e., off the roof leg supports) except during initial fill until the roof is lifted off leg supports and when the vessel is completely emptied and subsequently refilled. The process of emptying and refilling when the roof is resting on the leg supports shall be continuous and shall be accomplished as rapidly as possible.

(5) The requirement for a secondary seal does not apply to each existing storage vessel that was equipped with a liquid-mounted primary seal as of July 28, 1988, until after the first time after September 14, 1989, when the vessel is emptied and degassed or 10 years from September 14, 1989, whichever occurs first.

(c) The storage vessel shall be equipped with a closed vent system and a control device.

(1) The closed vent system shall be designed to collect all benzene vapors and gases discharged from the storage vessel and operated with no detectable emissions, as indicated by an instrument reading of less than 500 ppm above background and visual inspections, as determined in §61.242–11 (subpart V).

(2) The control device shall be designed and operated to reduce inlet benzene emissions by 95 percent or greater. If a flare is used as the control device, it shall meet the specifications described in the general control device requirements of 40 CFR 60.18.

(3) The specifications and requirements listed in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section for closed vent systems and control devices do not apply during periods of routine maintenance. During periods of routine maintenance, the benzene level in the storage vessel(s) serviced by the control device subject to the provisions of §61.271(c) may be lowered but not raised. Periods of routine maintenance shall not exceed 72 hours as outlined in the maintenance plan required by §61.272(c)(1)(iii).

(4) The specifications and requirements listed in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section for closed vents and control devices do not apply during a control system malfunction. A control system malfunction means any sudden and unavoidable failure of air pollution control equipment. A failure caused entirely or in part by design deficiencies, poor maintenance, careless operation, or other preventable upset condition or equipment breakdown is not considered a malfunction.

(d) The owner or operator of each affected storage vessel shall meet the requirements of paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section or §61.270(g) as follows:

(1) The owner or operator of each existing benzene storage vessel shall meet the requirements of paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section no later than 90 days after September 14, 1989, unless a waiver of compliance has been approved by the Administrator in accordance with §61.11.

(2) The owner or operator of each benzene storage vessel upon which construction commenced after September 14, 1989 shall meet the requirements of paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section or §61.270(g) prior to filling (i.e., roof is lifted off leg supports) the storage vessel with benzene.

(3) The owner or operator of each benzene storage vessel upon which construction commenced on or after July 28, 1988, and before September 14, 1989, shall meet the requirements of paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section on September 14, 1989.


§61.272 Compliance provisions.

(a) For each vessel complying with §61.271(a) (fixed roof and internal floating roof) each owner or operator shall:

(1) After installing the control equipment required to comply with §61.271(a), visually inspect the internal floating roof, the primary seal, and the secondary seal (if one is in service), prior to filling the storage vessel with benzene. If there are holes, tears or other openings in the primary seal, the secondary seal, or the seal fabric, or defects in the internal floating roof, the owner or operator shall repair the items before filling the storage vessel.

(2) Visually inspect the internal floating roof and the primary seal or
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the secondary seal (if one is in service) through manholes and roof hatches on the fixed roof at least once every 12 months after initial fill, or at least once every 12 months after September 14, 1989, except as provided in paragraph (a)(4)(i) of this section. If the internal floating roof is not resting on the surface of the benzene liquid inside the storage vessel, or there is liquid on the roof, or the seal is detached, or there are holes or tears in the seal fabric, the owner or operator shall repair the leak, or empty and remove the storage vessel from service within 45 days. If a failure that is detected during inspections required in this paragraph cannot be repaired within 45 days and if the vessel cannot be emptied within 45 days, an extension of up to 30 additional days may be requested from the Administrator in the inspection report required in §61.275(a).

(iii) If the internal floating roof has defects, the primary seal has holes, tears, or other openings in the seal or the seal fabric, or the secondary seal has holes, tears, or other openings in the seal or the seal fabric, or the gaskets no longer close off the liquid surfaces from the atmosphere, or the slotted membrane has more than 10 percent open area, the owner or operator shall repair the items as necessary so that none of the conditions specified in this paragraph exist before refilling the storage vessel with benzene.

(iv) For vessels equipped with a double-seal system as specified in §61.271(b)(2):

(i) Visually inspect the vessel as specified in paragraph (a)(3) of this section at least every 5 years; or

(ii) Visually inspect the vessel annually as specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, and at least every 10 years as specified in paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(b) For each vessel complying with §61.271(b) (external floating roof) the owner or operator shall:

(i) Determine the gap areas and maximum gap widths between the primary seal and the wall of the storage vessel, and the secondary seal and the wall of the storage vessel according to the following frequency.

(ii) For all the inspections required by paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(3) of this section, the owner or operator shall notify the Administrator in writing at least 30 days prior to the refilling of the storage vessel. Notification shall be made by telephone immediately followed by written documentation demonstrating why the inspection was unplanned. Alternatively, the notification including the written documentation may be made in writing and sent by express mail so that it is received by the Administrator at least 7 days prior to refilling.

(ii) If the internal floating roof has defects, the primary seal has holes, tears, or other openings in the seal or the seal fabric, or the secondary seal has holes, tears, or other openings in the seal or the seal fabric, or the gaskets no longer close off the liquid surfaces from the atmosphere, or the slotted membrane has more than 10 percent open area, the owner or operator shall repair the items as necessary so that none of the conditions specified in this paragraph exist before refilling the storage vessel with benzene.

(4) For vessels equipped with a double-seal system as specified in §61.271(a)(2)(ii):

(i) Visually inspect the vessel as specified in paragraph (a)(3) of this section at least every 5 years; or

(ii) Visually inspect the vessel annually as specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, and at least every 10 years as specified in paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(b) For each vessel complying with §61.271(b) (external floating roof) the owner or operator shall:

(i) Determine the gap areas and maximum gap widths between the primary seal and the wall of the storage vessel, and the secondary seal and the wall of the storage vessel according to the following frequency.

(ii) For an external floating roof vessel equipped with primary and secondary seals, measurements of gaps between the vessel wall and the primary seal (seal gaps) shall be performed during the hydrostatic testing of the vessel or within 90 days of the initial fill with benzene or within 90 days of September 14, 1989, whichever occurs last, and at least once every 5 years thereafter, except as provided in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section.
(ii) For an external floating roof vessel equipped with a liquid-mounted primary seal and without a secondary seal as provided for in §61.271(b)(5), measurement of gaps between the vessel wall and the primary seal (seal gaps) shall be performed within 90 days of September 14, 1989, and at least once per year thereafter. When a secondary seal is installed over the primary seal, measurement of primary seal gaps shall be performed within 90 days of installation and at least once every 5 years thereafter.

(iii) For an external floating roof vessel equipped with primary and secondary seals, measurements of gaps between the vessel wall and the secondary seal shall be performed within 90 days of the initial fill with benzene, within 90 days of installation of the secondary seal, or within 90 days after September 14, 1989, whichever occurs last, and at least once per year thereafter.

(iv) If any source ceases to store benzene for a period of 1 year or more, subsequent introduction of benzene into the vessel shall be considered an initial fill for the purposes of paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (b)(1)(ii), and (b)(1)(iii) of this section.

(2) Determine gap widths and areas in the primary and secondary seals individually by the following procedures:

(i) Measure seal gaps, if any, at one or more floating roof levels when the roof is floating off the roof leg supports.

(ii) Measure seal gaps around the entire circumference of the vessel in each place where a 0.32 centimeter (cm) (1/8 in) diameter uniform probe passes freely (without forcing or binding against the seal) between the seal and the wall of the storage vessel and measure the circumferential distance of each such location.

(iii) The total surface area of each gap described in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section shall be determined by using probes of various widths to measure accurately the actual distance from the vessel wall to the seal and multiplying each such width by its respective circumferential distance.

(3) Add the gap surface area of each gap location for the primary seal and the secondary seal individually. Divide the sum for each seal by the nominal diameter of the vessel and compare each ratio to the respective standards in §61.272(b)(4) and §61.272(b)(5).

(4) Repair conditions that do not meet requirements listed in paragraph (b)(4)(i) and (ii) within 45 days of identification in any inspection or empty and remove the storage vessel from service within 45 days.

(i) The accumulated area of gaps between the vessel wall and the metallic shoe seal or the liquid-mounted primary seal shall not exceed 212 cm² per meter of vessel diameter (10.0 in² per foot of vessel diameter) and the width of any portion of any gap shall not exceed 3.81 cm (1½ in).

(A) One end of the metallic shoe is to extend into the stored liquid and the other end is to extend a minimum vertical distance of 61 cm (24 in) above the stored liquid surface.

(B) There are to be no holes, tears, or other openings in the shoe, seal fabric, or seal envelope.

(ii) The secondary seal is to meet the following requirements:

(A) The secondary seal is to be installed above the primary seal so that it completely covers the space between the roof edge and the vessel wall except as provided in paragraph (b)(4)(i)(B) of this section.

(B) The accumulated area of gaps between the vessel wall and the secondary seal shall not exceed 21.2 cm² per meter of vessel diameter (1.0 in² per foot of vessel diameter) or the width of any portion of any gap shall not exceed 1.27 cm (½ in). These seal gap requirements may be exceeded during the measurement of primary seal gaps as required by paragraph (b)(1)(i) or (b)(1)(ii) of this section.

(C) There are to be no holes, tears, or other openings in the seal or seal fabric.

(iii) If a failure that is detected during inspections required in this paragraph cannot be repaired within 45 days and if the vessel cannot be emptied within 45 days, an extension of up to 30 additional days may be requested from the Administrator in the inspection report required in §61.275(d). Such extension request must include a
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demonstration of unavailability of alternate storage capacity and a specification of a schedule that will assure that the control equipment will be repaired or the vessel will be emptied as soon as possible.

(5) The owner or operator shall notify the Administrator 30 days in advance of any gap measurements required by paragraph (b)(1) of this section to afford the Administrator the opportunity to have an observer present.

(6) Visually inspect the external floating roof, the primary seal, secondary seal, and fittings each time the vessel is emptied and degassed.

   (i) If the external floating roof has defects, the primary seal has holes, tears, or other openings in the seal or the seal fabric, or the secondary seal has holes, tears, or other openings in the seal or the seal fabric, the owner or operator shall repair the items as necessary so that none of the conditions specified in this paragraph exist before filling or refilling the storage vessel with benzene.

   (ii) For all the inspections required by paragraph (b)(6) of this section, the owner or operator shall notify the Administrator in writing at least 30 days prior to filling or refilling of each storage vessel to afford the Administrator the opportunity to inspect the storage vessel prior to refilling. If the inspection required by paragraph (b)(6) of this section is not planned and the owner or operator could not have known about the inspection 30 days in advance of refilling the vessel, the owner or operator shall notify the Administrator at least 7 days prior to refilling the storage vessel. Notification shall be made by telephone immediately followed by written documentation demonstrating why the inspection was unplanned. Alternatively, this notification including the written documentation may be made in writing and sent by express mail so that it is received by the Administrator at least 7 days prior to the refilling.

(7) The owner or operator shall notify the Administrator 30 days prior to the refilling of a storage vessel to afford the Administrator the opportunity to inspect the storage vessel prior to refilling.

(c) The owner or operator of each source that is equipped with a closed vent system and control device as required in §60.271(c), other than a flare, shall meet the following requirements.

(1) Within 90 days after initial fill or after September 14, 1989, whichever comes last, submit for approval by the Administrator, an operating plan containing the information listed below.

   (i) Documentation demonstrating that the control device being used achieves the required control efficiency during reasonably expected maximum loading conditions. This documentation is to include a description of the gas stream which enters the control device, including flow and benzene content under varying liquid level conditions (dynamic and static) and manufacturer’s design specifications for the control device. If the control device or the closed vent capture system receives vapors, gases or liquids, other than fuels, from sources that are not designated sources under this subpart, the efficiency demonstration is to include consideration of all vapors, gases and liquids received by the closed vent capture system and control device. If an enclosed combustion device with a minimum residence time of 0.75 seconds and a minimum temperature of 816 °C (1,500 °F) is used to meet the 95 percent requirement, documentation that those conditions exist is sufficient to meet the requirements of this paragraph.

   (ii) A description of the parameter or parameters to be monitored to ensure that the control device is operated and maintained in conformance with its design and an explanation of the criteria used for selection of that parameter (or parameters).

   (iii) A maintenance plan for the system including the type of maintenance necessary, planned frequency of maintenance, and lengths of maintenance periods for those operations that would require the closed vent system or the control device to be out of compliance with §61.271(c). The maintenance plan shall require that the system be out of compliance with §61.271(c) for no more than 72 hours per year.

(2) Operate, monitor the parameters, and maintain the closed vent system and control device in accordance with the operating plan submitted to the Administrator in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this section, unless the plan was modified by the Administrator during the approval process. In this case, the modified plan applies.
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§ 61.275  Periodic report.

(a) The owner or operator of each storage vessel to which this subpart applies after installing control equipment in accordance with §61.271(a) (fixed roof

§ 61.274  Initial report.

(a) The owner or operator of each storage vessel to which this subpart applies and which has a design capacity greater than or equal to 38 cubic meters (10,000 gallons) shall submit an initial report describing the controls which will be applied to meet the equipment requirements of §61.271 or §61.270(g). For an existing storage vessel or a new storage vessel for which construction and operation commenced prior to September 14, 1989, this report shall be submitted within 90 days of September 14, 1989 and can be combined with the report required by §61.30. For a new storage vessel for which construction or operation commenced on or after September 14, 1989, the report shall be combined with the report required by §61.07 or 40 CFR 65.5(b). In the case where the owner or operator seeks to comply with §61.271(c), with a control device other than a flare, this information may consist of the information required by §61.272(c)(1).

(b) The owner or operator of each storage vessel seeking to comply with §61.271(c) with a flare, shall submit a report containing the measurements required by 40 CFR 60.18(f) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6). For the owner or operator of an existing storage vessel not seeking to obtain a waiver or a new storage vessel for which construction and operation commenced prior to September 14, 1989, this report shall be combined with the report required by paragraph (a) of this section. For the owner or operator of an existing storage vessel seeking to obtain a waiver, the reporting date will be established in the response to the waiver request. For the owner or operator of a new storage vessel for which construction or operation commenced after September 14, 1989, the report shall be submitted within 90 days of the date the vessel is initially filled (or partially filled) with benzene.


§61.273  Alternative means of emission limitation.

(a) Upon written application from any person, the Administrator may approve the use of alternative means of emission limitation which have been demonstrated to his satisfaction to achieve a reduction in benzene emissions at least equivalent to the reduction in emissions achieved by any requirement in §61.271 (a), (b), or (c) of this subpart.

(b) Determination of equivalence to the reduction in emissions achieved by the requirements of §61.271 (a), (b), or (c) will be evaluated using the following information to be included in the written application to the Administrator:

(1) Actual emissions tests that use full-size or scale-model storage vessels that accurately collect and measure all benzene emissions from a given control device, and that accurately simulate wind and account for other emission variables such as temperature and barometric pressure.

(2) An engineering evaluation that the Administrator determines is an accurate method of determining equivalence.

(c) The Administrator may condition approval of equivalency on requirements that may be necessary to ensure operation and maintenance to achieve the same emission reduction as the requirements of §61.271 (a), (b), or (c).

(d) If, in the Administrator’s judgment, an application for equivalency may be approvable, the Administrator will publish a notice of preliminary determination in the Federal Register and provide the opportunity for public hearing. After notice and opportunity for public hearing, the Administrator will determine the equivalency of the alternative means of emission limitation and will publish the final determination in the Federal Register.

and internal floating roof) shall submit a report describing the results of each inspection conducted in accordance with §61.272(a). For vessels for which annual inspections are required under §61.272(a)(2), the first report is to be submitted no more than 12 months after the initial report submitted in accordance with §61.274, and each report is to be submitted within 60 days of each annual inspection.

(1) Each report shall include the date of the inspection of each storage vessel and identify each storage vessel in which:

(i) The internal floating roof is not resting on the surface of the benzene liquid inside the storage vessel, or there is liquid on the roof, or the seal is detached from the internal floating roof, or there are holes, tears or other openings in the seal or seal fabric; or

(ii) There are visible gaps between the seal and the wall of the storage vessel.

(2) Where an annual report identifies any condition in paragraph (a)(1) of this section the annual report shall describe the nature of the defect, the date the storage vessel was emptied, and the nature of and date the repair was made, except as provided in paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(3) If an extension is requested in an annual periodic report in accordance with §61.272(a)(2), a supplemental periodic report shall be submitted within 15 days of repair. The supplemental periodic report shall identify the vessel and describe the date the storage vessel was emptied and the nature of and date the repair was made.

(b) The owner or operator of each storage vessel to which this subpart applies after installing control equipment in accordance with §61.271(a) (fixed roof and internal floating roof) shall submit a report describing the results of each inspection conducted in accordance with §61.272(a) (3) or (4).

(1) The report is to be submitted within 60 days of conducting each inspection required by §61.272(a) (3) or (4).

(2) Each report shall identify each storage vessel in which the owner or operator finds that the internal floating roof has defects, the primary seal has holes, tears, or other openings in the seal or the seal fabric, or the secondary seal (if one has been installed) has holes, tears, or other openings in the seal or the seal fabric, or the gaskets no longer close off the liquid surfaces from the atmosphere, or the slotted membrane has more than 10 percent open area. The report shall also describe the nature of the defect, the date the storage vessel was emptied, and the nature of and date the repair was made.

(c) Any owner or operator of an existing storage vessel which had an internal floating roof with a continuous seal as of July 28, 1988, and which seeks to comply with the requirements of §61.271(a)(5) during the first time after September 14, 1989, shall notify the Administrator 30 days prior to the completion of the installation of such controls and the date of refilling of the vessel so the Administrator has an opportunity to have an observer present to inspect the storage vessel before it is refilled. This report can be combined with the one required by §61.275(b).

(d) The owner or operator of each storage vessel to which this subpart applies after installing control equipment in accordance with §61.271(b) (external floating roof) shall submit a report describing the results of each seal gap measurement made in accordance with §61.272(b). The first report is to be submitted no more than 12 months after the initial report submitted in accordance with §61.274(a), and each annual periodic report is to be submitted within 60 days of each annual inspection.

(1) Each report shall include the date of the measurement, the raw data obtained in the measurement, and the calculations described in §61.272(b) (2) and (3), and shall identify each storage vessel which does not meet the gap specifications of §61.272(b). Where an annual report identifies any vessel not meeting the seal gap specifications of §61.272(b) the report shall describe the date the storage vessel was emptied, the measures used to correct the condition and the date the storage vessel was brought into compliance.

(2) If an extension is requested in an annual periodic report in accordance with §61.272(b)(4)(iii), a supplemental...
periodic report shall be submitted within 15 days of repair. The supplemental periodic report shall identify the vessel and describe the date the vessel was emptied and the nature of and date the repair was made.

(e) Excess emission report.

(1) The owner or operator of each source seeking to comply with §61.271(c) (vessels equipped with closed vent systems with control devices) shall submit a quarterly report informing the Administrator of each occurrence that results in excess emissions. Excess emissions are emissions that occur at any time when compliance with the specifications and requirements of §61.271(c) are not achieved, as evidenced by the parameters being measured in accordance with §61.272(c)(1)(ii) if a control device other than a flare is used, or by the measurements required in §61.272(d) and the general control device requirements in 40 CFR 60.18(f). If a flare is used.

(2) The owner or operator shall submit the following information as a minimum in the report required by (e)(1) of this section:

(i) Identify the stack and other emission points where the excess emissions occurred;

(ii) A statement of whether or not the owner or operator believes a control system malfunction has occurred.

(3) If the owner or operator states that a control system malfunction has occurred, the following information as a minimum is also to be included in the report required under paragraph (e)(1) of this section:

(i) Time and duration of the control system malfunction as determined by continuous monitoring data (if any), or the inspections or monitoring done in accordance with the operating plan required by §61.272(c).

(ii) Cause of excess emissions.

§ 61.276 Recordkeeping.

(a) Each owner or operator with a storage vessel subject to this subpart shall keep copies of all the reports and records required by this subpart for at least 2 years, except as specified in paragraphs (b) and (c)(1) of this section.

(b) Each owner or operator with a storage vessel, including any vessel which has a design storage capacity less than 38 cubic meters (10,000 gallons), shall keep readily accessible records showing the dimensions of the storage vessel and an analysis showing the capacity of the storage vessel. This record shall be kept as long as the storage vessel is in operation. Each storage vessel with a design capacity of less than 38 cubic meters (10,000 gallons) is subject to no provisions of this subpart other than those required by this paragraph.

(c) The following information pertaining to closed vent system and control devices shall be kept in a readily accessible location.

(1) A copy of the operating plan. This record shall be kept as long as the closed vent system and control device is in use.

(2) A record of the measured values of the parameters monitored in accordance with §61.272(c)(1)(ii) of the operating plan, including the following:

(i) The duration of each time the closed vent system and control device does not meet the specifications of §61.271(c) due to maintenance, including the following:

(A) The first time of day and date the requirements of §61.271(c) were not met at the beginning of maintenance.

(B) The first time of day and date the requirements of §61.271(c) were met at the conclusion of maintenance.

(C) A continuous record of the liquid level in each storage vessel that the closed vent system and control device receive vapors from during the interval between the times specified by (c)(3)(i)(A) and (c)(3)(i)(B). Pumping records (simultaneous input and output) may be substituted for records of the liquid level.

§ 61.277 Delegation of authority.

(a) In delegating implementation and enforcement authority to a State under section 112(d) of the Act, the authorities contained in paragraph (b) of this section shall be retained by the Administrator and not transferred to a State.
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(b) Authorities which will not be delegated to States: §61.273.

Subparts Z–AA (Reserved)

Subpart BB—National Emission Standard for Benzene Emissions From Benzene Transfer Operations

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§61.300 Applicability.

(a) The affected facility to which this subpart applies is the total of all loading racks at which benzene is loaded into tank trucks, railcars, or marine vessels at each benzene production facility and each bulk terminal. However, specifically exempted from this regulation are loading racks at which only the following are loaded: Benzene-laden waste (covered under subpart FF of this part), gasoline, crude oil, natural gas liquids, petroleum distillates (e.g., fuel oil, diesel, or kerosene), or benzene-laden liquid from coke by-product recovery plants.

(b) Any affected facility under paragraph (a) of this section which loads only liquid containing less than 70 weight-percent benzene is exempt from the requirements of this subpart, except for the recordkeeping and reporting requirements in §61.305(1).

(c) Comply with standards at each loading rack. Any affected facility under paragraph (a) of this section shall comply with the standards in §61.302 or as specified in paragraph (f) of this section, if applicable, at each loading rack that is handling a liquid containing 70 weight-percent or more benzene.

(d) Any affected facility under paragraph (a) of this section whose annual benzene loading is less than 1.3 million liters of 70 weight-percent or more benzene is exempt from the requirements of this subpart, except for the recordkeeping and reporting requirements in §61.305(1).

(e) The owner or operator of an affected facility, as defined in §61.300(a) that loads a marine vessel also loads a tank truck or railcar, the marine vessel loading racks shall be in compliance with the provisions of this subpart on and after July 23, 1991, while the tank truck loading racks and the railcar loading racks shall be in compliance as required by §61.12.

(1) Alternative means of compliance—(1) Option to comply with part 65. Owners or operators may choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart E, to satisfy the requirements of §§61.302 through 61.306 for all tank truck or railcar loading racks that are subject to this subpart. Loading racks are referred to as transfer racks in 40 CFR part 65, subpart E. Other provisions applying to owners or operators who choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65 are provided in 40 CFR 65.1. All marine vessel loading racks shall comply with the provisions in §§61.302 through 61.306.

(2) Part 61, subpart A. Owners or operators who choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart E, must also comply with §§61.01, 61.02, 61.05 through 61.08, 61.10(b) through (d), 61.11, and 61.15 for those loading racks. All sections and paragraphs of subpart A of this part that are not mentioned in this paragraph (f)(2) do not apply to owners or operators of loading racks complying with 40 CFR part 65, subpart E, except that provisions required to be met prior to implementing 40 CFR part 65 still apply. Owners and operators who choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart E, must comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart A.


§61.301 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, all terms not defined herein shall have the meaning given them in the Act, or in subpart A or subpart V of part 61.

Bulk terminal means any facility which receives liquid product containing benzene by pipelines, marine vessels, tank trucks, or railcars, and loads the product for further distribution into tank trucks, railcars, or marine vessels.

Car-sealed means having a seal that is placed on the device used to change the position of a valve (e.g., from open to closed) such that the position of the