

Kimberly D. Coy
kcoy@air-comp.com
Air/Compliance Consultants, Inc. (ACCI)
www.air-comp.com

EPA POSTINGS OF BROADLY APPLICABLE ALTERNATIVE TEST METHODS

A notice in the February 22, 2010 Federal Register announced the broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions the EPA has made in 2009 under and in support of New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP).

The notice identifies EPA's fourteen broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions issued between January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2009, under the NSPS, 40 CFR part 60, and the NESHAP, 40 CFR parts 61 and 63. Source owners and operators may voluntarily use these broadly applicable alternative test methods subject to their specific applicability. Use of these broadly applicable alternative test methods does not change the applicable emission standards.

Where a method modification or an alternative method is clearly broadly applicable to a class, category, or subcategory of sources, it is both more equitable and efficient for EPA to approve its use for all appropriate sources and situations at the same time. It is important to clarify that alternative methods are not mandatory but permissive. Sources are not required to employ such a method but may choose to do so in appropriate cases.

Source owners or operators can review the specific broadly applicable alternative method approval decisions on the EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc/approalt.html>.