

FACT SHEET

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURE 6

ACTION

- On September 13, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized minor technical amendments to a tool used to evaluate hydrogen chloride (HCl) continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMs) – known as Procedure 6. Procedure 6 specifies the minimum quality assurance requirements necessary for the control and assessment of the quality of CEMs HCl data used for compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Together with Performance Specification 18, Procedure 6 is used to evaluate HCl emissions for Portland Cement facilities, electric generating units, and industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers and process heaters.

BACKGROUND

- On July 7, 2015, the EPA published Procedure 6, which is a companion to Performance Specification 18.
- After publication, certain minor data treatment inconsistencies were identified.
- The EPA proposed to correct the minor inconsistencies in Performance Specification 18 and Procedure 6 through a direct final action titled, “Technical Amendments to Performance Specification 18 and Procedure 6.” 81 Fed. Reg. 31,515 (May 19, 2016). One substantive comment was received regarding changes to Procedure 6.
- The EPA is responding to that comment and finalizing corrections to Procedure 6 with this action.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Interested parties can download the rule from EPA’s web site on the Internet under Recent Actions at the following address: <https://www.epa.gov/emc/emc-updates-and-general-resources>.
- Other places to read the proposed rule and background information (use Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR- EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0696):
 - **EPA’s electronic public docket and comment system** at <http://www.regulations.gov>.
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