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Dear Mr. Cooper:


I am writing in response to your letter postmarked June 18, 2009, in which you requested an alternative method approval. You are requesting the alternative method for use at the Quest Diagnostics facility in Chantilly, Virginia.

The facility operates boilers and generators subject to both 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Dc and 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart IIII. The Subpart Dc regulations require that the fuel be certified by the manufacturer to meet ASTM D396 specifications. Since the State of Virginia has determined that Subpart IIII requirements must be met using ASTM D975-07b, you are requesting to use ASTM D975-07b certification for the Subpart Dc sources in order to be able to store fuel in common storage tanks.

We agree that ASTM D975-07b is more stringent than ASTM D396 in all cases except for viscosity. Since fuel viscosity will not effect sulfur dioxide emissions, we approve the use of ASTM D975-07b in lieu of ASTM D396 at the Springfield facility cited above.

Since this alternative method approval is applicable to all Subpart Dc sources, we are posting this letter on our website (at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc/approalt.html>) for use by other interested parties. If you have further questions regarding this matter, please contact Rima Howell at (919) 541-0443.

Sincerely,

  
Conniesue B. Oldham, Ph.D., Group Leader  
Measurement Technology Group

cc: Sally Harmon, EPA (by email)