Data Certification Procedures for AQS

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Requirement of Certification Process

- Part 58 Regulation Requirements

  - Submit by July 1 for previous year:

    - Air quality data for SLAMS/NAMS/PAMS per Part 58.26
    - P & A data per Appendix A, Section 4.1

Preferred Certification Process

- Request certification of all criteria pollutant data that meet QA requirements.

- PM-2.5 speciation data is under review, and is optional.

Regulatory Impact

- Data not certified may be used for attainment/nonattainment purposes.

- Certification can reduce potential disputes about suitability of ambient air quality data.

Tribal Data

- Tribes are not required to certify data, but are encouraged to do so.

- Certification process same as for State/local agencies with regards to P & A data.

Documentation Needed From State/local Agencies

- Part 58.26 requires submission of signed certification request.
- AMP450 recommended to provide summary of data to be certified.
- AMP240 preferred but not required by Part 58 Regulations.
- AMP450 and AMP240 should be dated on or before certification letter is dated.

Routing of Certification Request

- Submit certification letter request, AMP450, and AMP240 to EPA Regional Administrator.

- If EPA Region agrees, also send copy to OAQPS.

- In all cases try to transmit the files in electronic format.

Regional Office Responsibilities

- Review package State/local agency submits.
- Check to see if signed certification is included along with the AMP450 and AMP240.
- Check to see if complete P & A has been entered into AQS for all pollutants requested to be certified.
- Forward package to OAQPS.

OAQPS Responsibilities

- Check to see if signed request letter has been sent.
- Check to see if data was changed after data was submitted.
- Check P & A submittals for each pollutant.
- Insert either "Y" or "N" for each site/pollutant.
- Notify Regional Office where data is not certifiable.