AQS Ambient Monitoring-Data Certification

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Part 58 Monitoring Regulation Development

- 1. 1977-1979 SAMWG formed
- 2. Consisted of OAQPS, EPA Regional Offices, and State/local agencies
- 3. Formulated strategy for uniform:
 - network design
 - probe sitting criteria
 - standardized sampling instrumentation
 - standardized precision and accuracy measurements
 - data reporting

Part 58 Monitoring Regulations (continued)

1. Part 58 monitoring regulations promulgated in May 1979

2. Regulations included certification requirement of data on a yearly basis

Data Certification History

- 1. 1981-2002 (no review of P&A data)
- 2. 2002-2006
 - Started linking precision and accuracy data with air quality monitoring data
- 3. 2006 to present
 - Regulations modified in 2006 to include parameters other than criteria pollutants

Data Certification History (Continued)

Required data for certification included:

- a. PAMS data
- b. Continuous PM-2.5 data
- c. Filter based PM-2.5 speciation monitors
- d. NCore precursor gas monitors for CO, SO2, NO/NOx/NOy

Agency Certification Submittal (letter)

- State/local Agency submits signed certification letter
- 2. EPA Regional Office reviews package
- 3. EPA/OAQPS reviews letter to confirm letter was signed

Agency Certification Submittal (AMP450)

- 1. Review selection criteria
- 2. Review maximum concentrations
- 3. Review number of observations

Agency Certification Submittal AMP255

1. Gases - need 75 % completeness for each site for 1-point quality control check

2. Pb, PM-10, PM-2.5 – need 75 percent completeness for each collocation requirement

Agency Certification Submittal AMP450NC

- 1. Review selection criteria
- 2. Review maximum concentrations
- 3. Determine if VOC, PM-2.5 speciation data are included
- 4. For each PM-2.5 site, determine if ambient temperature and pressure are included per Part 58.16(a)
- 5. Collocation requirements met for particulates

Certification Data Submittal Problems

- 1. Certification letter not signed
- 2. Certification letter does not explain site/parameters to be (or not) excluded
- 3. AMP450 selection criteria for each criteria pollutant parameter
- 4. AMP450NC selection criteria only for a small subset of parameters
- 5. PM-2.5 and PM-10 speciation parameters, and VOC not included

Certification Data Submittal Problems (continued)

- 6. Semi-annual flow rate audits do not meet 5-7 month interval. Waiver will be granted for 2009 and 2010 data, but will be enforced for 2011 data.
- 7. Collocation requirement for each method code for PM-2.5 (daily and continuous). Waiver will be granted for 2009 and 2010 data, but will be enforced for 2010 data.
- 8. 75 % completation minimum for each sampler