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Check with your permitting authority FIRST PEC does not review technologies that currently meet Part 503 alternatives

The PEC does NOT recommend one pathogen control technology over another and the PEC will not consider or review any technology that meets an existing alternative already covered by 40 CFR 503. The PEC does not recommend to the permitting authority any processes for Class A or Class B status that are currently covered by an existing pathogen reduction alternative listed as an equivalent process under 40 CFR 503. Those that have received letters of acknowledgement previously must not construe those letters as a technology endorsement or an exemption from seeking appropriate permits or meeting requirements imposed by state and federal permitting authorities.

The permitting authority is the only entity that approves or accepts a listed process as either meeting the requirements of the regulation or not. We ask that you check with your permitting authority first to find out if your technology already meets the requirements of Class A or Class B.

The PEC is a committee that is comprised of many different government scientists and we recommend to the permitting authority that an undefined process is “equivalent” through Alternative 6. The equivalent process recommendation through alternative 6 can be obtained by submitting a complete approvable quality assurance project plan and a complete approvable application for the review process. Each of the PEC recommendations are unique to the application submitted and the specified conditions of that recommendation are unique to the process described in the application materials. The first contact is your permitting authority; see ‘how do I get started?’ below.

If your technology is not able to meet the requirements of either your state or regional permitting authority for Class A or Class B, or you are unable to classify your technology as meeting an existing alternative, then you may complete an approvable quality assurance project plan and a complete approvable application for submittal and for review following the approval process defined on the WEB page.