



SF₆ Emission Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This is a voluntary agreement between _____ (Company Name) (herein, referred to as the “Partner”) and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the purpose of reducing sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) emissions by implementing cost-effective emission reduction technologies and practices.

Authorized Company Representative: _____ (Name)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Paul Gunning, Director, Climate Change Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Partner’s Designated Representative:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

EPA’S RESPONSIBILITIES

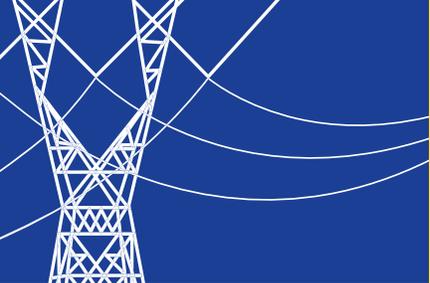
1. Serve as a clearinghouse for technical information on successful strategies for reducing SF₆ emissions;
2. Sponsor research relating to such strategies;
3. Conduct technical conferences;
4. Provide a standard protocol to inventory, track, and report estimated SF₆ emissions;
5. Identify a Service Representative responsible for assisting the Partner in implementing the Program; and
6. Provide partner recognition for achievements through brochures, public service announcements (PSAs), articles, and awards.

PARTNER’S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Establish a base year from which to begin estimating and reporting SF₆ emissions. The base year may be the year in which the MOU is signed or up to two years prior;
2. Submit a report each year on system-wide emissions of SF₆ and describe technologies and practices implemented to reduce emissions;
3. Develop and distribute a company-wide policy for the proper handling of SF₆ within one year of joining the program;
4. Establish an SF₆ emissions reduction goal, after careful consideration of all technically and economically feasible options available; and
5. Communicate to employees and cooperate with EPA efforts to publicize the Partnership.



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The SF₆ Emission Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems is an innovative voluntary program developed jointly by EPA and the electric power industry to improve equipment reliability while reducing emissions of sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆), a potent greenhouse gas that remains in the atmosphere for thousands of years.

COMMON AGREEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES

1. SF₆ has been identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change as an extremely potent and persistent greenhouse gas. EPA will seek to establish partnerships to reduce SF₆ emissions with U.S. electric power systems that employ SF₆-charged equipment. Reducing emissions of this gas will help address climate change.
2. Most SF₆ emissions are the result of releases from properly functioning equipment (due to static and dynamic operation), from leakage (e.g., due to old and/or deteriorated gaskets or seals), and from gas escaping into the atmosphere when gas is either transferred into equipment or extracted from it for disposal, recycling, or storage.
3. Only technically and economically feasible actions to reduce SF₆ emissions will be sought. The determination of what is technically and economically feasible will vary among Partners.
4. This agreement can be terminated by either party at any time, with no notice, penalties, or further obligation. EPA agrees not to publicize a Partner's withdrawal from the Program.
5. Information submitted to EPA will be treated in accordance with the EPA regulations at 40 CFR Part 2, including the provisions on protecting confidential business information (CBI). For information to be treated as CBI, it must be designated as CBI at the time of submittal.

DISCLAIMERS

1. The Partner agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation in the Program constitutes EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than the commitment to the Program.
2. Nothing in this agreement constrains EPA or any Partner from taking actions relating to SF₆ that are authorized or required by law.
3. This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. All commitments made by EPA to this MOU are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and budget priorities. Nothing in this MOU obligates EPA to expend appropriations or to enter into any contract, assistance agreement, interagency agreement, or other financial obligations.
4. The Partner agrees that activities it undertakes connected with this agreement are not intended to provide services to the federal government and that the Partner will not seek compensation from a federal agency.
5. This MOU does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law, and does not direct or apply to any person outside of the parties referenced in the MOU.

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