

**FACT SHEET**  
**TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURE 2**

**ACTION**

- On August 7, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized revisions to the quality assurance procedure used to evaluate particulate matter (PM) continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMs) – known as Procedure 2.
- Procedure 2 specifies the minimum quality assurance requirements necessary for the control and assessment of the quality of CEMs PM data used for compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Together with Performance Specification 11, Procedure 2 is used to evaluate PM emissions for Portland Cement facilities, electric generating units, and industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers and process heaters.

**BACKGROUND**

- On January 12, 2004, EPA promulgated Procedure 2, which is a companion to Performance Specification 11.
- Recently, a number of facilities have found that their PM emissions are lower than when their PM CEMS correlation curve was developed and, as a result, the facilities are now unable to meet the criteria needed to pass the annual Procedure 2 QA/QC tests.
- EPA proposed to modify this language in Procedure 2 through a direct final action titled, “Revisions to Procedure 2 - Quality Assurance Requirements for Particulate Matter Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems at Stationary Sources.” 81 Fed. Reg. 38189 (November 21, 2016). One substantive comment was received regarding changes to Procedure 2.
- EPA is responding to that comment and finalizing corrections to Procedure 2 with this action.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

- Interested parties can download the rule at: <https://www.epa.gov/emc/emc-updates-and-general-resources>.
- Other places to read the rule and background information (use Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0382):
  - **EPA’s electronic public docket and comment system** at <http://www.regulations.gov>.
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