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LIST OF DESIGNATED REFERENCE AND EQUIVALENT METHODS

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These methods for measuring ambient concentrations of specified air pollutants have been designated as "reference methods" or "equivalent methods" in accordance with Title 40, Part 53 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR Part 53). Subject to any limitations (e.g., operating range or temperature range) specified in the applicable designation, each method is acceptable for use in state or local air quality surveillance systems under 40 CFR Part 58 unless the applicable designation is subsequently canceled. Automated methods for pollutants other than PM_{10} are acceptable for use only at shelter temperatures between 20°C and 30°C and line voltages between 105 and 125 volts unless wider limits are specified in the method description.

Prospective users of the methods listed should note (1) that each method must be used in strict accordance with its associated operation or instruction manual and with applicable quality assurance procedures, and (2) that modification of a method by its vendor or user may cause the pertinent designation to be inapplicable to the method as modified. (See Section 2.8 of Appendix C, 40 CFR Part 58 for approval of modifications to any of these methods by users.)

Further information concerning particular designations may be found in the *Federal Register* notice cited for each method or by writing to the National Exposure Research Laboratory, Exposure Methods and Measurement Division (MD-D205-03), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Technical information concerning the methods should be obtained by contacting the source listed for each method. Source addresses are listed at the end of the listing of methods, except for the addresses for lead method sources, which are given with the method. New analyzers or PM_{10} samplers sold as reference or equivalent methods must carry a label or sticker identifying them as designated methods. For analyzers or PM_{10} or samplers sold prior to the designation of a method with the same or similar model number, the model number does not necessarily identify an analyzer or sampler as a designated method. Consult the manufacturer or seller to determine if a previously sold analyzer or sampler can be considered a designated method or if it can be upgraded to designation status. Analyzer users who experience operational or other difficulties with a designated analyzer or sampler and are unable to resolve the problem directly with the instrument manufacturer may contact EPA (preferably in writing) at the above address for assistance.

This list will be revised as necessary to reflect any new designations or any cancellation of a designation currently in effect. The most current revision of the list will be available for inspection at EPA's Regional Offices, and copies may be obtained at the Internet site identified above or by writing to the National Exposure Research Laboratory at the address specified above.

Opsis Model SM200 PM_{10} Monitor
Automated Equivalent Method: EQPM-0810-193
"Opsis Model SM200 Monitor," beta gauge semi-continuous ambient particulate monitor operated for 24 hours at a flow rate of 16.67 Lpm between 5° and 40°C using 47 mm PTFE membrane filter media, in the mass measurement range of 0 to 60 mg, configured with a BGI Model SSI25 PM_{10} inlet meeting criteria specified in 40 CFR 50 Appendix L, with a roof mounting kit, and with or without an inlet tube heater (as recommended based on site RH conditions), according to the SM200 User's Guide.
Federal Register: Vol. 75, page 51039, 08/18/2010

Opsis SM200- Dust Monitor

Automated Equivalent Method: EQPM-0812-203

"Opsis SM200- Dust Monitor" configured for $PM_{2.5}$ with the US EPA PM_{10} inlet specified in 40 CFR 50 Appendix L, followed by a BGI Inc. Very Sharp Cut Cyclone (VSCC™) particle size separator, operated for a 24-hour continuous sample period at a total actual flow rate of 16.67 L/min. using 47mm PTFE membrane filters, a TS200 temperature stabilizer and software version 1.04.16 or later, in accordance with the Opsis SM200 Dust Monitor Operation and Instruction Guide.

Federal Register: Vol. 77, page 55832, 09/11/2012

Opsis Model AR 500 and System 300 Open Path Ambient Air Monitoring Systems for SO_2
Automated Equivalent Method: EQSA-0495-101
"Opsis Model AR 500 System" or "System 300 Open Path (long path) Ambient Air Monitoring Systems," configured for measuring SO_2, with one detector and movable grating, operated with a measurement range of 0 to 0.5 ppm or 0 to 1.0 ppm, an installed monitoring path length between 20 and 500 meters (or 20 and 1000 meters with the ER 150 option, AR 500 System only), xenon lamp type B (150 watt), fiber optic cable length between 3 to 20 meters; operating within an ambient air temperature range of -50 to +50°C, an analyzer temperature range of 20 to 30°C, a measurement (integrating) time setting between 30 and 120 seconds (0 min:30 sec. to 2 min:00 sec.), and with a complete cycle time of not more than 200 seconds (3 min, 20 sec.). Under this method designation, the Model AR 500 System or System 300 consists of: AR 500 opto-analyser; emitter EM 110 and receiver RE 110 (together identified as ER 110); optic fibre cable OF60-S; power supply PS 150; Opsis operational software, version 7.0 or 7.1; and initial on-site installation, setup, and limited operator training.[2]
Optional components that can be used with the Model AR 500 only, in addition to or as alternative to corresponding components listed above: • AR 503 opto-analyzer configured as Model AR 500 (only the center detector active, sequential monitoring) • Emitter/receiver ER 150 (for monitoring path lengths up to 1 kilometer) • Transceiver ER 130 and Retroreflector RE 090 with 7 prisms (max. monitoring path length 150 meters) or 12 prisms (max. monitoring path length 250 meters) • Receiver RE 130 • Xenon lamp type A (higher short-wavelength UV output) • Optic fibre cable OF60-R (low-loss for short wavelengths)

• Multiplexers MX 004 and MX 024 • Dataloggers DL 010 and DL 016 • Analogue and digital input/output cards AO 008, AI 016, and DI 032 • Analogue and digital isolation cards IA 008, ID 008, OA 008, and OD 008 • Window heaters HF 110 and HF 150 • Mirror heaters HM 110 and HM 150 • Auto calibration unit CU 007 • Software packages IO 80 (for the analogue and digital input/output adapters), DL10 and DL16 (for data loggers), COMVISION, and STAT 500;
Recommended calibration and accuracy audit components (or equivalent) for either Model AR 500 or System 300:
• Wavelength calibration lamp CA 004 • Calibration bench CB 100 • Receiver unit RE 060 (two required) • Calibration unit CA 150, with same type lamp as used in the monitoring path emitter • Power supply PS 150 for calibration unit CA 150 • Calibration cells CC 001-X, where X represents various cell lengths from 1 to 900 mm • Special calibration cells CC 110 or CC 150 (for mounting directly on receiver) • Light meter LM 010.
Federal Register*: *Vol. 60, page 21518, 05/02/1995

Opsis Model AR 500 and System 300 Open Path Ambient Air Monitoring Systems for Ozone
Automated Equivalent Method: EQOA-0495-103
"Opsis Model AR 500 System" or "System 300 Open Path (long path) Ambient Air Monitoring Systems," configured for measuring O_3, with one detector and moveable grating, operated with a measurement range of 0 to 0.5 ppm, an installed monitoring path length between 20 and 500 meters (or 20 and 1000 meters with the ER 150 option, AR 500 System only), xenon lamp type B (150 watt), fiber optic cable length between 3 to 20 meters; operating within an ambient air temperature range of -50 to +50°C, an analyzer temperature range of 20 to 30°C, a measurement (integrating) time setting between 30 and 120 seconds (0 min:30 sec. to 2 min:00 sec.), and with a complete cycle time of not more than 200 seconds (3 min, 20 sec.). Under this method designation, the Model AR 500 System or System 300 consists of: AR 500 opto-analyser; emitter EM 110 and receiver RE 110 (together identified as ER 110); optic fibre cable OF60-S; power supply PS 150, Opsis operational software, version 7.0 or 7.1; and initial on-site installation, setup, and limited operator training.[2]

Optional components that can be used with the Model AR 500 only, in addition to or as alternative to corresponding components listed above: • AR 503 opto-analyzer configured as Model AR 500 (only the center detector active, sequential monitoring) • Emitter/receiver ER 150 (for monitoring path lengths up to1 kilometer) • Transceiver ER 130 and Retroreflector RE 090 with 7 prisms (max. monitoring path length 150 meters) or 12 prisms (max. monitoring path length 250 meters) • Receiver RE 130 • Optic fibre cable OF60-R (low-loss for short wavelengths) • Multiplexers MX 004 and MX 024 • Dataloggers DL 010 and DL 016 • Analogue and digital input/output cards AO 008, AI 016, and DI 032 • Analogue and digital isolation cards IA 008, ID 008, OA 008, and OD 008 • Window heaters HF 110 and HF 150 • Mirror heaters HM 110 and HM 150 • Auto calibration unit CU 007 • Software packages IO 80 (for the analogue and digital input/output adapters), DL10 and DL16 (for data loggers), ComVision, and STAT 500;
Recommended calibration and accuracy audit components (or equivalent) for either Model AR 500 or System 300:

• Wavelength calibration lamp CA 004 • Calibration bench CB 100 • Receiver unit RE 060 (two required) • Calibration unit CA 150, with same type lamp as used in the monitoring path emitter • Power supply PS 150 for calibration unit CA 150 • Calibration cells CC 001-X, where X represents various cell lengths from 1 to 900 mm • Special calibration cells CC 110 or CC 150 (for mounting directly on receiver) • Ozone generator OC 500 • Light meter LM 010.
Federal Register: Vol. 60, page 21518, 05/02/1995

Opsis Model AR 500 and System 300 Open Path Ambient Air Monitoring Systems for NO_2

Automated Equivalent Method: EQNA-0495-102

"Opsis Model AR 500 System" or "System 300 Open Path (long path) Ambient Air Monitoring Systems," configured for measuring NO_2, with one detector and movable grating, operated with a measurement range of 0 to 0.5 ppm, an installed monitoring path length between 50 and 500 meters (or 50 and 1000 meters with the ER 150 option, AR 500 System only), xenon lamp type B (150 watt), fiber optic cable length between 3 and 20 meters; operating within an ambient air temperature range of -50 to +50°C, an analyzer temperature range of 20 to 30°C, a measurement (integrating) time setting between 30 and 120 seconds (0 min:30 sec. to 2 min:00 sec.), and with a complete cycle time of not more than 200 seconds (3 min, 20 sec.). Under this method designation, the Model AR 500 System or System 300 consists of: AR 500 opto-analyser; emitter EM 110 and receiver RE 110 (together identified as ER 110); optic fibre cable OF60-S; power supply PS 150; Opsis operational software, version 7.0 or 7.1; and initial on-site installation, setup, and limited operator training.[2]

Optional components that can be used with the Model AR 500 only, in addition to or as alternative to corresponding components listed above: • AR 503 opto-analyzer configured as Model AR 500 (only the center detector active, sequential monitoring) • Emitter/receiver ER 150 (for monitoring path lengths up to 1 kilometer) • Transceiver ER 130 and Retroreflector RE 090 with 7 prisms (max. monitoring path length 150 meters) or 12 prisms (max. monitoring path length 250 meters) • Receiver RE 130 • Xenon lamp type A (higher short-wavelength UV output) • Optic fibre cable OF60-R (low-loss for short wavelengths) • Multiplexers MX 004 and MX 024 • Dataloggers DL 010 and DL 016 • Analogue and digital input/output cards AO 008, AI 016, and DI 032 • Analogue and digital isolation cards IA 008, ID 008, OA 008, and OD 008 • Window heaters HF 110 and HF 150 • Mirror heaters HM 110 and HM 150 • Auto calibration unit CU 007 • Software packages IO 80 (for the analogue and digital input/output adapters), DL10 and DL16 (for data loggers), ComVision, and STAT 500.

Recommended calibration and accuracy audit components (or equivalent) for either Model AR 500 or System 300: • Wavelength calibration lamp CA 004 • Calibration bench CB 100 • Receiver unit RE 060 (two required) • Calibration unit CA 150, with same type lamp as used in the monitoring path emitter • Power supply PS 150 for calibration unit CA 150 • Calibration cells CC 001-X, where X represents various cell lengths from 1 to 900 mm • Filter GG 400 • Special calibration cells CC 110 or CC 150 (for mounting directly on receiver) • Light meter LM 010

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