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**13-5-100 GENERAL**

**13-5-101 Description:** The purpose of this Rule is to limit total organic compounds (TOC) emissions—including methane—from industrial hydrogen plants.

**13-5-102 Applicability:** This Rule applies to industrial hydrogen plants including third parties.

**13-5-103 Exemption, Specific Operations:** Specific operations of methane and/or organic compound emissions already subject to methane and/or organic compound emission requirements in Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 5: Storage of Organic Liquids; Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 10: Process Vessel Depressurization, Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 18: Equipment Leaks; and Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 28: Episodic Releases From Pressure Relief Devices at Petroleum Refineries and Chemical Plants shall be exempt from this Rule.

**13-5-104 Limited Exemption, Deaerator Vents and Carbon Dioxide Scrubbing Vents:** Deaerator vents and carbon dioxide scrubbing vents shall be exempt from the requirements in Section 13-5-300 of this Rule.

**13-5-105 Limited Exemption, Small-Scale Industrial Hydrogen Plants:** With the exception of Section 13-5-506.3, the requirements of this Rule shall not apply to industrial hydrogen plants that have a maximum design production capacity that is less than 20 tons of hydrogen per day. The owner and/or operator of a small-scale industrial hydrogen plant shall meet the recordkeeping requirements of Section 13-5-506.3.

**13-5-200 DEFINITIONS**

**13-5-201 Alternative Compliance Plan:** A document meeting the requirements of Section 13-5-404 that identifies, among other things, sources, quantities, emissions, and emissions reduction measures that would be implemented to comply with the standards and deadlines set forth in Section 13-5-303.

**13-5-202 Atmospheric Vent:** An opening where a gas or gases are continuously or periodically discharged during hydrogen plant operations. Atmospheric vents include openings where a gas or gases are discharged directly to the atmosphere. For the purposes of this Rule, an atmospheric vent may be physically located in any portion of an industrial hydrogen plant.

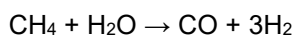
**13-5-203 Carbon Dioxide Scrubbing Vent:** The atmospheric vent from a device or process unit that adsorbs carbon dioxide from a mixture of gases.

**13-5-204 Deaerator Vent:** The atmospheric vent from a device that removes oxygen and other dissolved gases from liquids.

**13-5-205 Effective Date:** This Rule is effective upon adoption. However, the date when the requirements of Section 13-5-301 take effect shall be as set forth in Section 13-5-401. The date when the requirements of Section 13-5-303 take effect shall be as set forth in Section 13-5-405.

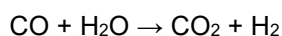
- 13-5-206 Global Warming Potential:** A comparison of the integrated radiative forcing over a specified period (e.g., 100 years) from a unit mass pulse emission to compare the potential climate change associated with emissions of different greenhouse gases. GWPs listed include climate-carbon feedbacks. This Rule incorporates GWPs as listed in Regulation 3, Schedule T, Greenhouse Gas Fees, Global Warming Potential Relative to Carbon Dioxide.
- 13-5-207 Greenhouse Gas:** “Greenhouse gas” (GHG) or “greenhouse gases” (GHGs) includes all of the following gases: carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride.
- 13-5-208 Industrial Hydrogen Plant:** For the purposes of this Rule, an industrial hydrogen plant is a comprehensive hydrogen operation including, but not limited to, all operations that produce hydrogen via steam-methane reformation, and the hydrogen distribution system, including all compression operations, and the hydrogen delivery system that delivers hydrogen streams to the process unit consumers.
- 13-5-209 Organic Compound:** As defined in Regulation 1: General Provisions and Definitions, Section 1-233.
- 13-5-210 Owner and/or Operator:** A representative of the facility or corporation who possesses sufficient authority to take actions required for compliance with this Rule.
- 13-5-211 Steam-Methane Reformation Process:** an industrial chemical process in which steam is used to produce hydrogen from a hydrocarbon source, such as natural gas in accordance with the following chemical reaction:

Steam-methane reforming reaction



In a subsequently process called the “water-gas shift reaction,” the carbon monoxide and steam are reacted using a catalyst to produce carbon dioxide and more hydrogen in accordance with the following chemical reaction:

Water-gas shift reaction:



- 13-5-212 Total Organic Compound (TOC):** Any organic compound or mixture of organic compounds, including methane.

**13-5-300 STANDARDS**

- 13-5-301 Emission Limits for Industrial Hydrogen Plants:** By the Effective Date, the owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant shall not vent to the atmosphere out of any atmospheric vent any emissions containing more than 15 pounds (6.8 kilograms) per day and 300 parts per million by volume (TOC, expressed as methane, on a dry basis determined as specified in Section 13-5-601). A source shall be considered in violation of this section if the TOC emissions measured in accordance with Sections 13-5-501 and 13-5-601 exceed the standards of this Rule.
- 13-5-302 Prohibition of Comingling and Dilution:** The dilution of any atmospheric vent that is in service prior to May 4, 2022, or the comingling of two or more atmospheric vents, or both, to reduce the TOC concentration to comply with the emission standard set forth in Section 13-5-301 are prohibited.
- 13-5-303 Alternative Methane and Other Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standard Option:** In lieu of compliance with Section 13-5-301, the owner and/or operator of an industrial

hydrogen plant may opt to comply with this Rule by reducing the baseline methane emissions from the industrial hydrogen plant by at least 90 percent on a calendar year basis from atmospheric vents. Up to 20 percent of the methane reductions required may take the form of other GHG reductions from vents at the industrial hydrogen plant. These substituted emission reductions of other GHGs shall be adjusted based on global warming potential. To comply with this option, all of following conditions shall be met:

- 303.1** No later than November 4, 2022, the owner and/or operator shall notify the APCO in writing that the owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant have opted to comply with the Rule by means of this section;
- 303.2** No later May 4, 2023, the owner and/or operator shall make an estimate of the baseline methane and other GHG emissions to be considered under this option for the industrial hydrogen plant in accordance with Section 13-5-403 and submit the estimate to the APCO for validation;
- 303.3** No later than six months following the validation by the APCO of the baseline methane and other GHG emissions calculated pursuant to Section 13-5-403, the owner and/or operator shall submit to the APCO for review and approval an Alternative Compliance Plan that demonstrates how methane and other GHG emission reductions would be achieved based on the validated baseline methane emissions as determined according to Section 13-5-403. The Alternative Compliance Plan shall be submitted in accordance with Section 13-5-404 and shall contain all information deemed necessary for the APCO to determine the efficacy of the plan. The APCO may request additional information to complete the review and approval of the Alternative Compliance Plan;
- 303.4** No later than May 4, 2024, the APCO shall approve or deny the Alternative Compliance Plan to meet this alternative standard. In the event that the plan is denied, the owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant may not utilize this optional standard and must comply with Sections 13-5-301 and 13-5-401.

#### **13-5-400 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

**13-5-401 Control Device Requirements for Industrial Hydrogen Plants:** The owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant shall comply with the following requirements provided the hydrogen plant does not already comply with the requirements of Section 13-5-301:

- 401.1** No later than May 4, 2025, the owner and/or operator, including the owner and/or operator that submits an Alternative Compliance Plan pursuant to Section 13-5-303 that is not approved, shall submit a permit application to the APCO for an Authority to Construct and/or Permit to Operate a TOC control device to comply with Section 13-5-301 requirements.
- 401.2** Within three years of receiving an Authority to Construct from the Air District, the owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant shall commence operation of the control device to comply with Section 13-5-301 requirements.

This section does not apply to the owner and/or operator who will comply with Section 13-5-303 by implementing an Alternative Compliance Plan pursuant to Section 13-5-404 that is approved by the APCO.

**13-5-402 Reporting Requirements for Total Organic Compounds Vented from Industrial Hydrogen Plants:** Should an existing industrial hydrogen plant with a fully operational TOC control device vent TOC from atmospheric vents in excess of the standards required by Section 13-5-301, the owner and/or operator shall do the following:

- 402.1** Notify the APCO of the venting occurrence immediately upon discovery of the occurrence that the TOC emissions exceeded the limits in Section 13-5-301. Such notification shall include the time, specific location, equipment involved and to the extent possible the cause of the occurrence.
- 402.2** Within 30 days of the discovery of the occurrence, the owner and/or operator shall report the following information to the APCO: the cause of the occurrence; the date and time of the occurrence; data for the duration of the occurrence; the

make, model and type of control device; the operating parameters of the control device including temperature, pressure, flow rate, and concentrations of each constituent in the gaseous stream; and the mass emissions for each constituent in the gaseous stream including TOC.

**13-5-403 Baseline Methane and Other Greenhouse Gas Emissions Calculation Procedures:** The following methodology shall be used to determine baseline methane and GHG emissions for an industrial hydrogen plant for the purposes of determining compliance with Section 13-5-303:

**403.1 Determine Baseline Period:** The baseline period is the three-year period from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2018.

**403.2 Determine Baseline Methane and Other Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Baseline methane and other GHG emissions are the actual average annual emissions during the baseline period. The applicant must have sufficient verifiable records of the industrial hydrogen plant's operation to substantiate the emission rate during the entire baseline period.

**13-5-404 Plan Submission for the Alternative Methane and Other Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standard Option:** No later than six months following the validation by the APCO of the baseline methane and other GHG emissions calculated pursuant to Section 13-5-403, the owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant who has opted to comply with this Rule pursuant to Section 13-5-303 shall provide an Alternative Compliance Plan with the following information to the APCO:

**404.1** Piping and instrumentation diagrams identifying all atmospheric vents, carbon dioxide scrubbing vents, and deaerator vents at the industrial hydrogen plant.

**404.2** Estimates of the annual methane emissions for each atmospheric vent.

**404.3** Methane concentration data and flowrate, temperature, flowrate, and volume data that were used to estimate the methane emissions for each atmospheric vent.

**404.3** Identification of the vents that would be included in the Alternative Compliance Plan and the method and degree to which each atmospheric vent, deaerator vent and/or carbon dioxide scrubbing vent would be controlled.

**404.4** Estimates of other GHG reductions (expressed as GHG equivalent reductions) for each atmospheric vent, deaerator vent, and/or carbon dioxide scrubbing vent.

**404.5** Any information deemed necessary to verify the estimate of GHG-equivalent reductions in Section 13-5-404.4.

**13-5-405 Implementation of the Alternative Methane and Other Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standard Option:** The owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant with the Alternative Compliance Plan approved pursuant to Section 13-5-303 shall implement the as follows:

**405.1** Within one year of approval of the Alternative Compliance Plan pursuant to Section 13-5-303, the owner and/or operator shall submit a permit application to the APCO for an Authority to Construct and/or Permit to Operate to comply with the plan approved pursuant to Section 13-5-303.

**405.2** Within three years of receiving an Authority to Construct from the Air District to comply with the Alternative Compliance Plan approved pursuant to Section 13-5-303, the owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant shall commence operation of the equipment to comply with Section 13-5-303 requirements.

#### **13-5-500 MONITORING AND RECORDS**

**13-5-501 Monitoring Requirements, General:** This section shall take effect May 4, 2024. The owner and/or operator of any industrial hydrogen plant that will comply with Section 13-5-301 shall, by the next turnaround and no later than May 4, 2027:

- 501.1 Monitor on a daily basis, TOC emissions in total pounds per day and measurement of TOC concentrations in parts per million by volume TOC, expressed as methane, on a dry basis for each atmospheric vent.
- 501.2 Continuously record temperature, pressure, flow rate and volume in million standard cubic feet per day for each atmospheric vent.
- 501.3 Convert TOC emissions data into mass emissions, in pounds per day, for both methane and organic compound emissions for each atmospheric vent.
- 501.4 Install, operate, and maintain in good working order, a sampling point approved by the APCO for the purpose of testing emissions from each atmospheric vent.
- 501.5 Provide a piping and instrumentation diagram for each atmospheric vent and any information deemed necessary by the APCO to approve the sampling point.

**13-5-502 Monitoring Requirements, Alternative Methane and Other Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standard Option:** This section shall take effect May 4, 2024. The owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant who has opted to comply with this Rule pursuant to Section 13-5-303 shall, by the next turnaround and no later than May 4, 2027:

- 502.1 Monitor on a daily basis, methane emissions in total pounds per day and measurement of methane concentration in parts per million by volume, on a dry basis for each atmospheric vent.
- 502.2 Monitor on a daily basis, GHG emissions in total pounds per day and measurement of GHG compound concentrations in parts per million by volume, on a dry basis for each carbon dioxide scrubbing vent and/or deaerator vent.
- 502.3 Continuously record temperature, pressure, flow rate and volume in million standard cubic feet per day for each atmospheric vent, carbon dioxide scrubbing vent, and/or deaerator vent at the industrial hydrogen plant.
- 502.4 Convert methane and other GHG emissions data into mass emissions, in pounds per day, for both methane and other GHG emissions for each atmospheric vent, carbon dioxide scrubbing vent and/or deaerator vent.
- 502.5 Install, operate, and maintain in good working order, a sampling point approved by the APCO for the purpose of testing emissions from each atmospheric vent, carbon dioxide scrubbing vent and/or deaerator vent.
- 502.6 Provide a piping and instrumentation diagram for each atmospheric vent, carbon dioxide scrubbing vent, and/or deaerator vent and any information deemed necessary by the APCO to approve the sampling point.

**13-5-503 Reporting Requirements, Alternative Methane and Other Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standard Option:** The owner and/or operator of any industrial hydrogen plant who has opted to comply with this Rule pursuant to Section 13-5-303 shall submit a summary of the annual methane and other GHG emissions and emissions reductions calculated from the baseline emissions determined in accordance with Section 13-5-403 that indicates compliance with Section 13-5-303 at the end of the 30th day following the end of each year after the effective date of this Rule.

**13-5-504 Monitoring Requirements, Deaerator Vents and Carbon Dioxide Scrubbing Vents:** This section shall take effect May 4, 2024. The owner and/or operator of any industrial hydrogen plant that operates deaerators vent or carbon dioxide scrubbing vents shall, by the next turnaround and no later than May 4, 2027:

- 504.1 Install, operate and maintain in good working order, a gas flowrate meter equipped with a readout and recorder for each deaerator vent and/or carbon dioxide scrubbing vent.
- 504.2 Monitor TOC emissions in parts per million by volume TOC, expressed as methane, on a dry basis from each deaerator vent and/or carbon dioxide vent on a quarterly basis. After eight quarterly samples have been obtained from each deaerator vent and/or carbon dioxide scrubbing vent, the owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant may submit a request to the APCO for a decreased monitoring frequency.
- 504.3 TOC emissions data from each deaerator vent and/or carbon dioxide scrubbing

vent shall be recorded in mass emissions in pounds per day for both methane and organic compounds.

**504.4** Install, operate, and maintain in good working order, a sampling point approved by the APCO for the purpose of testing emissions from each deaerator vent and/or carbon dioxide vent.

**504.5** Provide a piping and instrumentation diagram for each deaerator vent and/or carbon dioxide scrubbing vent and any information deemed necessary by the APCO to approve the sampling point.

**13-5-505 Monitoring Requirements, Pressure Swing Adsorption Vents:** No later than May 4, 2023, the owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant shall demonstrate hydrogen gas percent purity of pressure swing adsorption vents via the use of a hydrogen gas analyzer or an alternative method approved by the APCO. Purity verification shall be recorded quarterly and will be available upon request by the APCO. All records shall be retained for a minimum of five years and shall be submitted to the APCO upon request.

**13-5-506 Recordkeeping Requirements:** The owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant shall keep the following records in a form suitable for inspection for a period of at least five years and made available to the APCO upon request.

**506.1** For the owner and/or operator of an industrial hydrogen plant subject to the requirements of Section 13-5-301, these records shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1.1 Laboratory reports for the daily measurement of TOC concentrations in parts per million by volume TOC, expressed as methane, on a dry basis for each atmospheric vent.
- 1.2 Continuously recorded temperature, pressure, flow rate and volume in million standard cubic feet per day data for each atmospheric vent.
- 1.3 Daily TOC mass emissions data, in pounds per day, for each atmospheric vent.
- 1.4 Daily TOC mass emissions data converted to methane and organic compound emissions, in pounds per day, for each atmospheric vent.

**506.2** For the owner and/or operator of any industrial hydrogen plant who has opted to comply with this Rule pursuant to Section 13-5-303, these records shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- 2.1 Laboratory reports for the daily measurement of methane concentrations in parts per million by volume, on a dry basis for each atmospheric vent.
- 2.2 Laboratory reports for the daily measurement of GHG concentrations in parts per million by volume, on a dry basis for each carbon dioxide scrubbing vent and/or deaerator vent.
- 2.3 Continuously recorded temperature, pressure, flow rate and volume in million standard cubic feet per day data for each atmospheric vent, carbon dioxide scrubbing vent and/or deaerator vent.
- 2.4 Daily methane mass emissions data, in pounds per day, for each atmospheric vent.
- 2.5 Daily GHG mass emissions data in total pounds per day for each carbon dioxide scrubbing vent and/or deaerator vent.

**506.3** The owner and/or operator of any small-scale industrial hydrogen plant shall maintain records of the annual hydrogen production and basis for the production determination for a minimum of five years. The owner and/or operator shall make the records available to the APCO or a designee of the APCO upon request.

#### **13-5-600 MANUAL OF PROCEDURES**

**13-5-601 Determination of Compliance and Monitoring of TOC Emissions:** Emissions of TOC as specified in Sections 13-5-301, 13-5-501, and 13-5-504 shall be measured using any of the following methods:



- 601.1 SCAQMD Method 25.3 (modified as approved by APCO); or
- 601.2 Any other method approved by the APCO.

**13-5-602 Determination of Compliance and Monitoring of Methane and Other Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Emissions of methane and other GHGs as specified in Sections 13-5-303, 13-5-502, and 13-5-503 shall be measured using any of the following methods:

- 602.1 EPA Method 18; or
- 602.2 Any other method approved by the APCO.