

**VOLUME I
ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

**PART 1
EVALUATION OF VISIBLE EMISSIONS**

REF: Regs. 6, 11-2
 10, 12-4
 California Health and Safety Code section 41701

1) INTRODUCTION

Various District regulations contain a visible emission standard. Compliance with these standards is determined by visual observation. Observers are trained to make field evaluations by a certification process involving repeated observation of smoke plumes with a known darkness or opacity.

This Part of the Manual of Procedures adopts as District procedure a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) method for certifying observers and making observations in the field. The EPA method is modified to permit its use with District regulations, state law, and federal standards.

2) APPLICABILITY

Modified EPA Method 9 is to be used for certifying observers and for determining compliance with District regulations, with state law, or with certain federal standards enforced by the District. All field observations of visible emissions will comply with this Part.

3) ADOPTION OF MODIFIED METHOD 9

EPA Method 9 (40 C.F.R., Part 60, Appendix A, Method 9) is hereby adopted for certifying observers and for field evaluations of visible emissions. Method 9 is modified in the following respects: 1) readings may be expressed in Ringelmann numbers or in opacity, and 2) violations may be established by readings showing emissions of the magnitude and duration specified in the applicable standard.