

The amendments listed below were made to the *Step by Step Guideline for Emission Calculation, Record Keeping and Reporting for Airborne Contaminant Discharge* (the Guideline) on May 21, 2004.

For more information, see the “Amendment to the Step by Step Guideline for Emission Calculation, Record Keeping and Reporting for Airborne Contaminant Discharge” posting on the Environmental Registry (EBR Registry Number: XA04E0006).

Amendment 1:

Clarification of requirements:

- incorporate relevant responses in the “Frequently Asked Questions” into Guideline

Until now, some clarifications to the Guideline have been provided through the “Frequently Asked Questions” section posted on the Ministry’s website. These explanations will be incorporated directly into relevant sections of the Guideline for greater clarity. Among the clarifications are:

- The requirements for record keeping are more clearly defined.
- Discharge units are explained in more detail
- Particulate Matter require only filterable (and not condensable) portion to be reported .This amendment clarifies that only the filterable portion of Particulate Matter need to be calculated and reported. This also harmonizes MOE’s policy with Environment Canada’s NPRI for report the filterable portion.
- Other improvements to the Guideline have been made that provide greater clarity.

Amendment 2

De Minimus Quantity for reporting of Glycol Ethers and the three Mineral Spirits Groups

Through consultations with the O. Reg. 127/01 Stakeholder Workgroup, it was established that facilities do not have a high degree of confidence in the accuracy of the emission data calculated and reportable for group constituents with low emission values. To alleviate this concern, the group thresholds will incorporate de minimus values, based on release amounts, to provide for greater accuracy in the reported data.

A new section (4.5) has been added to the Guideline that explains how the group thresholds should be used and introduces the need for reporting those substances if de minimus emissions values are exceeded. Corresponding revisions are made to notes 18 and 19.

Amendment 3

Delist Chromium VI from Table 2B

Since 2002, NPRI has added Chromium VI to its list of reportable substances and this amendment removes the need for duplicate reporting by facilities.

The amendments are effective immediately, and are to be relied upon in preparing and submitting reports for the 2003 calendar year.