
40 C.F.R. § 1065.590

PM sampling media (e.g., filters) preconditioning and tare weighing.

Before an emission test, take the following steps to prepare PM sampling media (e.g., filters) and equipment for PM measurements:

- (a) Make sure the balance and PM-stabilization environments meet the periodic verifications in § 1065.390.
- (b) Visually inspect unused sample media (e.g., filters) for defects and discard defective media.
- (c) To handle PM sampling media (e.g., filters), use electrically grounded tweezers or a grounding strap, as described in § 1065.190.
- (d) Place unused sample media (e.g., filters) in one or more containers that are open to the PM-stabilization environment. If you are using filters, you may place them in the bottom half of a filter cassette.
- (e) Stabilize sample media (e.g., filters) in the PM-stabilization environment. Consider an unused sample medium stabilized as long as it has been in the PM-stabilization environment for a minimum of 30 min, during which the PM-stabilization environment has been within the specifications of § 1065.190.
- (f) Weigh the sample media (e.g., filters) automatically or manually, as follows:

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