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(d) *Compliance.* If the Administrator makes a determination that a means of emission limitation is a permissible alternative to the requirements of design, equipment, work practice, or operational standards of this part, the owner or operator shall either comply with the alternative or comply with the requirements of this part.

§ 65.9 Availability of information and confidentiality.

(a) *Availability of information.* The availability to the public of information provided to, or otherwise obtained by, the Administrator under this part shall be governed by part 2 of this chapter. With the exception of information protected under part 2 of this chapter, all reports, records, and other information collected by the Administrator under this part are available to the public. In addition, a copy of each permit application, compliance plan (including the schedule of compliance), initial compliance status report, periodic report, and title V permit is available to the public, consistent with protections recognized in section 503(e) of the Act.

(b) *Confidentiality.* (1) If an owner or operator is required to submit information entitled to protection from disclosure under section 114(c) of the Act, the owner or operator may submit such information separately. The requirements of section 114(c) shall apply to such information.

(2) The contents of a title V permit shall not be entitled to protection under section 114(c) of the Act; however, information submitted as part of an application for a title V permit may be entitled to protection from disclosure.

§ 65.10 State authority.

(a) The provisions of this part shall not be construed in any manner to preclude any State or political subdivision thereof from adopting and enforcing any emission standard or limitation applicable to a regulated source, provided that such standard, limitation, prohibition, or other regulation is not less stringent than the standard applicable to such a regulated source.

(b) The provisions of this part shall not be construed in any manner to pre-

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clude any State or political subdivision thereof from requiring the owner or operator of a regulated source to obtain permits, licenses, or approvals prior to initiating construction, modification, or operation of such a regulated source.

§ 65.11 Circumvention and prohibited activities.

(a) *Circumvention.* (1) No owner or operator subject to the provisions of this part shall build, erect, install, or use any article, machine, equipment, or process to conceal an emission that would otherwise constitute noncompliance with a relevant standard. Such concealment includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) The use of diluents to achieve compliance with a relevant standard based on the concentration of a pollutant in the effluent discharged to the atmosphere; and

(2) The fragmentation of an operation for the purpose of avoiding regulation by a relevant standard.

(b) *Prohibited activities.* (1) No owner or operator subject to the provisions of this part shall operate any regulated source in violation of the requirements of this part except under the following provisions:

(i) An extension or waiver of compliance granted by the Administrator under an applicable part; or

(ii) An extension of compliance granted under an applicable part by a State with an approved permit program; or

(iii) An exemption from compliance granted by the President under section 112(i)(4) of the Act.

(2) After the effective date of an approved permit program in a State, no owner or operator of a regulated source in that State who is required under an applicable part to obtain a title V permit shall operate such source except in compliance with the provisions of this part and the applicable requirements of the permit program in that State.

(3) An owner or operator of a regulated source who is subject to an emission standard promulgated under this part or a referencing part shall comply with the requirements of that standard