

§91.116

this section may be divided into separate engine families.

§91.116 Certification procedure—test engine selection.

(a) The manufacturer must select, from each engine family, a test engine of a configuration that the manufacturer deems to be most likely to exceed the Family Emission Limit (FEL).

(b) At the manufacturer's option, the criterion for selecting the worst case engine may be that engine configuration which has the highest weighted brake-specific fuel consumption over the appropriate engine test cycle.

(c) The test engine must be constructed to be representative of production engines.

§91.117 Certification procedure—service accumulation.

(a)(1) Any engine required to be tested under §91.118 must be operated with all emission control systems operating properly for a period sufficient to stabilize emissions prior to such testing.

(2) A manufacturer may elect to consider emission levels as stabilized when the test engine has accumulated 12 hours of service.

(b) No maintenance, other than recommended lubrication and filter changes, may be performed during service accumulation without the Administrator's approval.

(c) Service accumulation is to be performed in a manner using good engineering judgment to ensure that emissions are representative of production engines.

(d) The manufacturer must maintain, and provide to the Administrator if requested, records stating the rationale for selecting a service accumulation period different than 12 hours and records describing the method used to accumulate hours on the test engine(s).

§91.118 Certification procedure—testing.

(a) *Manufacturer testing.* The manufacturer must test the test engine using the specified test procedures and appropriate test cycle. All test results must be reported to the Administrator.

(1) The test procedures to be used are detailed in subpart E of this part.

(2) Emission test equipment provisions are described in subpart D of this part.

(b) *Administrator testing.* (1) The Administrator may require that any one or more of the test engines be submitted to the Administrator, at such place or places as the Administrator may designate, for the purposes of conducting emission tests. The Administrator may specify that testing will be conducted at the manufacturer's facility, in which case instrumentation and equipment specified by the Administrator must be made available by the manufacturer for test operations. Any testing conducted at a manufacturer's facility must be scheduled by the manufacturer as promptly as possible.

(2)(i) Whenever the Administrator conducts a test on a test engine, the results of that test will, unless subsequently invalidated by the Administrator, comprise the official data for the engine and the manufacturer's data will not be used in determining compliance with the Family Emission Limit (FEL).

(ii) Prior to the performance of such a test, the Administrator may adjust or cause to be adjusted any adjustable parameter of the test engine which the Administrator has determined to be subject to adjustment for testing, to any setting within the physically adjustable range of that parameter, to determine whether the engine conforms to the applicable Family Emission Limit (FEL).

(iii) For those engine parameters which the Administrator has not determined to be subject to adjustment for testing, the test engine presented to the Administrator for testing will be calibrated within the production tolerances applicable to the manufacturer specification shown on the engine label, as specified in the application for certification.

(c) *Use of carryover test data.* In lieu of testing, the manufacturer may submit, with the Administrator's approval, emission test data used to certify substantially similar engine families in previous years. This "carryover" test data is only allowable if the data shows the test engine would fully comply with the applicable Family Emission Limit (FEL).