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transmitted as required by § 66.12. The source owner or operator shall respond to this notice within 45 days of its receipt and in the form provided in § 66.13.

Subpart E—Decisions on Exemption Requests and Challenges to Notices of Noncompliance

§ 66.41 Decision on petitions.

(a) Within thirty days after receiving a petition filed under § 66.13, the Administrator shall notify the source owner or operator in writing that:

(1) The petition demonstrates that the source owner or operator is entitled to part or all of the relief requested and that the notice of noncompliance is withdrawn or modified accordingly;

(2) The petition does not contain sufficient information to demonstrate that the source owner or operator is entitled to part or all of the relief requested. The Administrator shall specify what deficiencies exist and request that the source owner or operator supplement his petition within thirty days of receipt of that request. If the petition is not supplemented adequately within this time, or, if supplemented adequately, still fails to demonstrate entitlement to relief, the Administrator shall grant a hearing under paragraph (a)(3) of this section. Any supplemental material provided pursuant to the Administrator's request shall be evaluated as provided in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(3) of this section.

(3) A hearing is granted on the issue of whether the source is in violation of applicable legal requirements or is entitled to an exemption under §§ 66.31, 66.32, 66.33, or on both.

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§ 66.42 Procedure for hearings.

(a) Except as provided in §§ 66.32 and 66.33, hearings granted under § 66.41(a)(3) shall be held as provided in Subpart J.

(b) If hearings are granted pursuant to both § 66.32 or § 66.33 and under Subpart J, a consolidated hearing in accordance with Subpart J shall be held.

At the consolidated hearing the issues that would otherwise have been considered at a hearing under § 66.32 or § 66.33 shall be considered pursuant to the procedures for a hearing provided in those sections.

(c) The Presiding Officer at a hearing granted under § 66.41 shall issue an initial decision within 90 days after the Administrator grants the hearing, unless the duration of the hearing or the deadline for decision is extended by the Presiding Officer upon agreement of the parties. Failure to issue a decision (whether or not by consent) within 90 days shall not affect the validity of the proceedings or the accrual of penalties in any manner.

§ 66.43 Final decision; submission of penalty calculation.

Within forty-five days after EPA has notified the owner or operator of a source of the final Agency decision that it is in violation of applicable legal requirements or is not entitled to an exemption, the owner or operator shall submit the information required by § 66.13(a), including appropriate compliance and payment schedules and extra interest owed for the period of delay. The penalty shall be calculated from the date of receipt of the original notice of noncompliance.

Subpart F—Review of Penalty Calculation

§ 66.51 Action upon receipt of penalty calculation.

(a) Within thirty days after receipt of a penalty calculation provided pursuant to § 66.13(a)(1) or § 66.43, the Administrator shall notify the source owner or operator in writing, that:

(1) The penalty is provisionally accepted as calculated, subject to any recalculation that may be necessary under § 66.72 after the source has achieved compliance; or

(2) The penalty is incorrect and has been recalculated based on the data provided by the source owner or operator, or other data. The Administrator shall provide a brief statement of the basis for the recalculation and shall identify when and where any supporting data may be examined. The Administrator shall also notify the source

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owner or operator of the right to petition for a hearing under § 66.52; or

(3) The source owner or operator has not submitted any calculation, or the information submitted is inadequate to enable EPA to verify the owner or operator's penalty calculation. The Administrator shall specify what deficiencies exist and request the source owner or operator to supplement his submission within thirty days of receipt of that request. If an inadequate supplemental submission is made within this time, EPA may calculate the penalty itself or as provided in § 66.22.

(b) Supplemental material provided pursuant to paragraph (a)(3) of this section shall be evaluated as provided in paragraph (a).

§ 66.52 Petitions for reconsideration of calculation.

Within forty-five days after receipt of notice under § 66.51(a)(2) that the penalty has been recalculated by EPA, a source owner or operator who wishes to challenge EPA's recalculation shall petition in writing for reconsideration. A statement of all arguments on which the owner or operator relies, including all necessary supporting data and a substitute penalty calculation and payment schedule shall be included in or accompany this petition. Issues not raised in the petition shall be deemed waived.

§ 66.53 Decisions on petitions.

Within thirty days after receiving a petition for reconsideration under § 66.52 the Administrator shall:

(a) Accept the penalty calculation of the owner or operator to the extent the Administrator concludes it is correct; or

(b) Grant a hearing to the extent he does not conclude that the petition is correct.

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§ 66.54 Procedures for hearing.

(a) Hearings granted under § 66.53 shall be held as provided in subpart J.

(b) The Presiding Officer at a hearing granted under § 66.53 shall issue an initial decision within ninety days after the Administrator grants the hearing, unless the duration of the hearing or

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the deadline for decision is extended by the Presiding Officer upon agreement of the parties. Failure to issue a decision (whether or not by consent) within 90 days shall not affect the validity of the proceedings or the accrual of penalties in any manner.

Subpart G—Payment

§ 66.61 Duty to pay.

(a) Except where the owner or operator has submitted a petition pursuant to § 66.13(a)(2), the first installment of the penalty shall be paid on the date six months after receipt of the notice of noncompliance.

(b) Where the source owner has filed a petition pursuant to § 66.13(a)(2), the first installment consisting of payment of penalties for all quarters "missed" as well as for the upcoming quarter shall be paid on the date six months after a final administrative decision affirming the source owner or operator's liability. Installments shall be paid quarterly thereafter until compliance is achieved. Quarters shall be measured in increments of three calendar months from the date the first payment is due.

(c) A source owner or operator who submits a petition pursuant to § 66.52 shall pay the penalty amount calculated by the owner or operator under § 66.13 or § 66.43 or any penalty calculated by EPA where the owner or operator has failed to calculate such penalty. Within 45 days after EPA has notified the owner or operator of a final administrative action after hearings on such petition, the owner or operator shall submit any necessary modification to the penalty. The revised penalty will be calculated in accordance with the Technical Support Document and the Manual, and a revised schedule, including appropriate adjustments for overpayments or underpayments made, will be established.

§ 66.62 Method of payment.

Payments in excess of \$10,000 under this part shall be made by wire transfer payable to the U.S. Treasury. Payments under this part which are less than \$10,000 shall be made by cashier's or certified check made payable to the United States Treasury, sent by registered mail, return receipt requested,