

**§ 91.323 Analyzer bench checks.**

(a) Prior to initial use and after major repairs, verify that each analyzer complies with the specifications given in Table 2 in appendix A to this subpart.

(b) If a stainless steel NO<sub>2</sub> to NO converter is used, condition all new or replacement converters. The conditioning consists of either purging the converter with air for a minimum of four hours or until the converter efficiency is greater than 90 percent. The converter must be at operational temperature while purging. Do not use this procedure prior to checking converter efficiency on in-use converters.

**§ 91.324 Analyzer leakage check.**

(a) *Vacuum side leak check.* (1) Check any location within the analysis system where a vacuum leak could affect the test results.

(2) The maximum allowable leakage rate on the vacuum side is 0.5 percent of the in-use flow rate for the portion of the system being checked. The analyzer flows and bypass flows may be used to estimate the in-use flow rates.

(3) The sample probe and the connection between the sample probe and valve V2 (see Figure 1 in appendix B of this subpart) may be excluded from the leak check.

(b) *Pressure side leak check.* Substantial leaks of the sample on the pressure side of the system may impact sample integrity if the leaks are of sufficient magnitude. As a safety precaution, it is good engineering practice to perform periodic pressure side leak checks on the sampling system.

**§ 91.325 Analyzer interference checks.**

(a) Gases present in the exhaust other than the one being analyzed can interfere with the reading in several ways. Positive interference occurs in NDIR and PMD instruments when the interfering gas gives the same effect as the gas being measured, but to a lesser degree. Negative interference occurs in

NDIR instruments by the interfering gas broadening the absorption band of the measured gas, and in CLD instruments by the interfering gas quenching the radiation. The interference checks described in this section are to be made initially and after any major repairs that could affect analyzer performance.

(b) CO analyzer water and CO<sub>2</sub> interference checks. Bubble through water at room temperature a CO<sub>2</sub> span gas having a concentration of between 80 percent and 100 percent inclusive of full scale of the maximum operating range used during testing and record the analyzer response. For dry measurements, this mixture may be introduced into the sample system prior to the water trap. The analyzer response must not be more than one percent of full scale for ranges equal to or above 300 ppm or more than three ppm for ranges below 300 ppm.

(c) NO<sub>x</sub> analyzer quench check. The two gases of concern for CLD (and HCLD) analyzers are CO<sub>2</sub> and water vapor. Quench responses to these two gases are proportional to their concentrations and, therefore, require test techniques to determine quench at the highest expected concentrations experienced during testing.

(1) NO<sub>x</sub> analyzer CO<sub>2</sub> quench check.  
(i) Pass a CO<sub>2</sub> span gas having a concentration of 80 percent to 100 percent of full scale of the maximum operating range used during testing through the CO<sub>2</sub> NDIR analyzer and record the value as "a."

(ii) Dilute the CO<sub>2</sub> span gas approximately 50 percent with NO span gas and pass through the CO<sub>2</sub> NDIR and CLD (or HCLD). Record the CO<sub>2</sub> and NO values as "b" and "c", respectively.

(iii) Shut off the CO<sub>2</sub> and pass only the NO span gas through the CLD (or HCLD). Record the NO value recorded as "d."

(iv) Calculate the percent CO<sub>2</sub> quench as follows, which may not exceed three percent:

$$\text{percent CO}_2 \text{ quench} = 100 \times \left( 1 - \frac{(c \times a)}{(d \times a)(d \times b)} \right) \times (a / b)$$