

(v) For government-owned refiners, the total employee count includes all government employees.

(2) The total corporate crude oil capacity of each refinery as reported to the Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. The information submitted to EIA is presumed to be correct. In cases where a company disagrees with this information, the company may petition EPA with appropriate data to correct the record when the company submits its verification letter.

(3) The verification letter must be signed by the president, chief operating or chief executive officer of the company, or his/her designee, stating that the information is true to the best of his/her knowledge, and that the company owned the refinery as of December 31, 2004.

(4) Name, address, phone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address of a corporate contact person.

(c) Verification letters under paragraph (b) of this section must be submitted by September 1, 2007.

(d) For foreign refiners the small refiner exemption shall be effective upon approval, by EPA, of a small refiner application. The application must contain all of the elements required for small refiner verification letters (as specified in paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(4) of this section), must demonstrate compliance with the crude oil capacity criterion of paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of this section, must satisfy the provisions of § 80.1165(f) through (h) and (o), and must be submitted by September 1, 2007 to one of the addresses listed in paragraph (j) of this section.

(e) A refiner who qualifies as a small refiner under this section and subsequently fails to meet all of the qualifying criteria as set out in paragraph (a) of this section will have its small refiner exemption terminated effective January 1 of the next calendar year; however, disqualification shall not apply in the case of a merger between two approved small refiners.

(f) If EPA finds that a refiner provided false or inaccurate information in its small refiner status verification letter under this subpart, the small re-

finer's exemption will be void as of the effective date of these regulations.

(g) If a small refiner is complying on an aggregate basis for multiple refineries, the refiner may exempt the refineries from the calculation of its Renewable Volume Obligation under § 80.1107.

(h) (1) A refiner may, at any time, waive the small refiner exemption under paragraph (a) of this section upon notification to EPA.

(2) A refiner's notice to EPA that it intends to waive the small refiner exemption must be received by November 1 in order for the waiver to be effective for the following calendar year. The waiver will be effective beginning on January 1 of the following calendar year, at which point the refiner will be subject to the renewable fuel standard of § 80.1105.

(3) The waiver must be sent to EPA at one of the addresses listed in paragraph (j) of this section.

(i) Any refiner that acquires a refinery from another refiner with approved small refiner status under paragraph (a) of this section shall notify EPA in writing no later than 20 days following the acquisition.

(j) Verification letters under paragraph (b) of this section and small refiner exemption waivers under paragraph (h) of this section shall be sent to one of the following addresses:

(1) *For U.S. Mail:* U.S. EPA—Attn: RFS Program, 6406J, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

(2) *For overnight or courier services:* U.S. EPA, Attn: RFS Program, 6406J, 1310 L Street, NW., 6th floor, Washington, DC 20005.

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§ 80.1143 What are the opt-in provisions for noncontiguous states and territories?

(a) A noncontiguous state or United States territory may petition the Administrator to opt-in to the program requirements of this subpart.

(b) The Administrator will approve the petition if it meets the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section.

(c) The petition must be signed by the Governor of the state or his authorized representative (or the equivalent official of the territory).

(d)(1) A petition submitted under this section must be received by the Agency by November 1 for the state or territory to be included in the RFS program in the next calendar year.

(2) A petition submitted under this section should be sent to either of the following addresses:

(i) *For U.S. Mail:* U.S. EPA—Attn: RFS Program, 6406J, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

(ii) *For overnight or courier services:* U.S. EPA, Attn: RFS Program, 6406J, 1310 L Street, NW., 6th floor, Washington, DC 20005.

(e) Upon approval of the petition by the Administrator:

(1) EPA shall calculate the standard for the following year, including the total gasoline volume for the State or territory in question.

(2) Beginning on January 1 of the next calendar year, all gasoline refiners and importers in the state or territory for which a petition has been approved shall be obligated parties as defined in § 80.1106.

(3) Beginning on January 1 of the next calendar year, all renewable fuel producers in the State or territory for which a petition has been approved shall, pursuant to § 80.1126(a)(2), be required to generate RINs and assign them to batches of renewable fuel.

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§§ 80.1144–80.1149 [Reserved]

§ 80.1150 What are the registration requirements under the RFS program?

(a) Any obligated party described in § 80.1106 and any exporter of renewable fuel described in § 80.1130 must provide EPA with the information specified for registration under § 80.76, if such information has not already been provided under the provisions of this part. An obligated party or an exporter of renewable fuel must receive EPA-issued identification numbers prior to engaging in any transaction involving RINs.

Registration information may be submitted to EPA at any time after promulgation of this rule in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(b) Any importer or producer of a renewable fuel must provide EPA the information specified under § 80.76, if such information has not already been provided under the provisions of this part, and must receive EPA-issued company and facility identification numbers prior to generating or assigning any RINs. Registration information may be submitted to EPA at any time after promulgation of this rule in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(c) Any party who owns or intends to own RINs, but who is not covered by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, must provide EPA the information specified under § 80.76, if such information has not already been provided under the provisions of this part and must receive an EPA-issued company identification number prior to owning any RINs. Registration information may be submitted to EPA at any time after promulgation of this rule in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(d) Registration shall be on forms, and following policies, established by the Administrator.

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§ 80.1151 What are the recordkeeping requirements under the RFS program?

(a) Beginning September 1, 2007, any obligated party (as described at § 80.1106) or exporter of renewable fuel (as described at § 80.1130) must keep all of the following records:

(1) Product transfer documents consistent with § 80.1153 and associated with the obligated party's activity, if any, as transferor or transferee of renewable fuel.

(2) Copies of all reports submitted to EPA under § 80.1152(a).

(3) Records related to each RIN transaction, which includes all the following:

(i) A list of the RINs owned, purchased, sold, retired or expired.