

Environmental Protection Agency

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(c) The small refiner status application must contain the following information for the company seeking small refiner status, plus any subsidiary companies, any parent company and subsidiaries of the parent company, and any joint venture partners:

(1)(i) A listing of the name and address of each location where any employee worked during the 12 months preceding January 1, 1999; the average number of employees at each location based upon the number of employees for each pay period for the 12 months preceding January 1, 1999; and the type of business activities carried out at each location; or

(ii) In the case of a refiner who acquires a refinery after January 1, 1999, or reactivates a refinery that was shut-down between January 1, 1998, and January 1, 1999, a listing of the name and address of each location where any employee of the refiner worked since the refiner acquired or reactivated the refinery; the average number of employees at any such acquired or reactivated refinery during each calendar year since the refiner acquired or reactivated the refinery; and the type of business activities carried out at each location.

(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), or, in the case of a foreign refiner, a comparable reputable source, such as a professional publication or trade journal. The information submitted to EIA or the comparable reputable source is presumed to be correct. In cases where a company, domestic or foreign, disagrees with this information, the company may petition EPA with appropriate data to correct the record within 60 days after the company submits its application for small refiner status.

(3) A letter signed by the president, chief operating or chief executive officer of the company, or his/her designee, stating that the information contained in the application is true to the best of his/her knowledge.

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

(d) For joint ventures, the total number of employees includes the combined employee count of all corporate entities in the venture.

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

(f) Approval of small refiner status for refiners who apply under §80.225(d) will be based on all information submitted under paragraph (c) of this section. The information submitted must show that the refiner employed an average of no more than 1500 people and had an average crude oil capacity less than or equal to 155,000 bpcd. Where appropriate, the employee and crude oil capacity criteria for such refiners will be based on the most recent 12 months of operation.

(g) EPA will notify a refiner of approval or disapproval of small refiner status by letter.

(1) If approved, EPA will notify the refiner of each refinery's applicable annual average sulfur standard, baseline volume, and per-gallon cap standard under §80.240 for the 2004-2007 averaging periods.

(2) If disapproved, the refiner must comply with the standards in §80.195.

(h) If EPA finds that a refiner provided false or inaccurate information on its application for small refiner status, upon notice from EPA the refiner's small refiner status will be void ab initio.

(i) Upon notification to EPA, an approved small refiner may withdraw its status as a small refiner. Effective on January 1 of the year following such notification, the small refiner will become subject to the standards at §80.195.

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§ 80.240 What are the small refiner gasoline sulfur standards?

(a) The gasoline sulfur standards for an approved small refiner are as follows:

Refinery baseline sulfur level	Temporary sulfur standards for small refiners applicable from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2007	
	Annual average	Per gallon cap
0 to 30	30.00	300
31 to 200	Baseline level	300
201 to 400	200.00	300
401 to 600	50% of baseline	Factor of 1.5 times the average standard.
601 and above	300.00	450

(b) The refinery annual average sulfur standards must be met on an annual calendar year basis for each refinery owned by a small refiner. The refinery annual average sulfur level is calculated in accordance with the provisions of § 80.205.

(c)(1) The refinery annual average standards specified in paragraph (a) of this section apply to the volume of gasoline produced by a small refiner's refinery up to the lesser of:

(i) 105% of the baseline gasoline volume as determined under § 80.250(a)(1); or

(ii) The volume of gasoline produced at that refinery during the averaging period by processing crude oil.

(2) If a refiner exceeds the volume limitation in paragraph (c)(1) of this section during any averaging period, the annual average sulfur standard applicable to the refiner for that averaging period is calculated as follows:

$$S_{sr} = \frac{(V_b \times S_b) + (AF \times (V_a - V_b))}{V_a}$$

Where:

S_{sr}=Small refiner annual average sulfur standard.

V_b=Applicable volume under paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

V_a=Averaging period gasoline volume.

S_b=Small refiner sulfur baseline as determined under § 80.250.

AF=Adjustment factor (120 in 2004; 90 in 2005; and 30 in 2006 and thereafter).

(3) The small refiner average standards under paragraph (a) of this section may be met using sulfur allotments or credits as provided under § 80.275 or § 80.315.

(4) The provisions for compliance deficits under § 80.205(e) do not apply to small refiners subject to the standards under this section.

(d) In the case of any refiner with small refiner status who generates sul-

fur allotments or credits pursuant to § 80.275(a) or § 80.305, the baseline applicable to that refiner's refinery for purposes of establishing the standard for the refinery under paragraph (a) of this section beginning in 2004 shall be the lowest annual average sulfur content for any year during the period in which the refiner generated allotments or credits.

(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, the temporary sulfur standards for small refiners may be extended as provided under § 80.553.

(f)(1) In the case of a refiner without approved small refiner status who acquires a refinery from a refiner with approved small refiner status under § 80.235, the applicable small refiner standards under paragraph (a) of this section will apply to the acquired small refinery for a period up to 30 months from the date of acquisition of the refinery, but no later than December 31, 2007, or, for a refinery for which the Administrator has approved an extension of the small refiner gasoline sulfur standards under § 80.553(c), December 31, 2010, after which time the standards of § 80.195 shall apply to the acquired refinery.

(2) A refiner may apply to EPA for an additional six months to comply with the standards of § 80.195 for the acquired refinery if more than 30 months will be required for the necessary engineering, permitting, construction, and start-up work to be completed. Such applications must include detailed technical information supporting the need for additional time. EPA will base its decision to approve additional time on information provided by the refiner and on other relevant information. In no case will EPA extend the compliance date beyond December 31, 2007, or, for a refinery for which the Administrator has approved an extension of the

small refiner gasoline sulfur standards under § 80.553(c), December 31, 2010.

[65 FR 6823, Feb. 10, 2000, as amended at 66 FR 5136, Jan. 18, 2001; 69 FR 39167, June 29, 2004]

§ 80.245 How does a small refiner apply for a sulfur baseline?

(a) Any refiner seeking small refiner status must apply for a refinery sulfur baseline by the deadline under § 80.235 for each of the refiner's refineries by providing the following information:

(1) A sulfur baseline and baseline volume for every refinery calculated in accordance with § 80.250.

(2) The following information for each batch of gasoline produced in 1997-1998:

(i) Batch number assigned to the batch under § 80.65(d) or § 80.101(i);

(ii) Volume; and

(iii) Sulfur content.

(3) For any refiner that acquires and/or reactivates a refinery that was shut down or non-operational between January 1, 1997, and December 31, 1998, the average sulfur level and average volume of gasoline produced during each annual averaging period that the refinery was in operation after the refinery was acquired and/or reactivated. EPA will evaluate all of the information and data submitted by the refiner in determining the appropriate sulfur baseline for the refinery. Where EPA concludes that the data submitted reasonably reflects current sulfur levels, the refinery's baseline will be determined based on the average sulfur content of gasoline produced by the refinery during the most recent annual averaging period in which the refinery was in operation.

(b) The sulfur baseline application must be submitted to the address specified in § 80.235(b).

(c)(1) Foreign refiners who do not have an approved individual refinery baseline under § 80.94 must follow the procedures specified in § 80.410(b).

(2) Foreign refiners who have an approved individual refinery baseline under § 80.94, but one that was not in effect for purposes of anti-dumping compliance during the 1997-1998 annual averaging periods, must comply with the requirements of this section for the gasoline produced at the refinery and

imported into the United States during each of the annual averaging periods in which the refinery was subject to its individual anti-dumping baseline. EPA will evaluate all of the information and data submitted under this section in determining the foreign refinery's sulfur baseline pursuant to this paragraph. Where EPA concludes that the data submitted reasonably reflects current sulfur levels, the refinery's baseline will be determined based on the annual average sulfur level and volume of gasoline produced by the foreign refinery and imported into the U.S. during the most recent annual averaging period in which the refinery was subject to its individual anti-dumping baseline.

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§ 80.250 How is the small refiner sulfur baseline and volume determined?

(a)(1) The small refiner baseline volume is determined for each refinery as follows:

$$V_b = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (V_i)}{2}$$

Where:

V_b = Baseline volume.

V_i = Volume of gasoline batch i .

n = Total number of batches of gasoline produced from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1998 (or the total number of batches of gasoline pursuant to § 80.245(a)(3); or, for a foreign refinery, the total number of batches of gasoline produced and imported into the U.S. from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1998, or the total number of batches of gasoline produced and imported into the U.S. pursuant to § 80.245(c)(2)).

i = Individual batch of gasoline produced from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1998 (or individual batch of gasoline pursuant to § 80.245(a)(3); or, for a foreign refinery, individual batch of gasoline produced and imported into the U.S. from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1998, or individual batch of gasoline produced and imported into the U.S. pursuant to § 80.245(c)(2)).

(2) The small refiner sulfur baseline is determined for each refinery as follows: