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CHECKLIST FOR REVIEW OF FEDERAL RCRA PERMIT APPLICATIONS

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M-1 Definition of Process Vent	270.14(a); 264.1030; 264.1031	A process vent is any open-ended pipe or stack that is vented to atmosphere either directly, through a vacuum-producing system, or through a tank.		
M-2 Applicability—Process Vents Associated with the Following Six Operations that Manage Hazardous Waste with Organic Concentrations of at Least 10 Parts per Million by Weight if these Operations are Conducted in; a Unit Subject to the Permitting Requirements of 270; a Unit (including a Hazardous Waste Recycling Unit) that is Not Exempt from Permitting Under 262.34(a) and is Located at a Hazardous Waste Management Facility Otherwise Subject to Permitting Requirements; and a Unit that is Exempt from Permitting Under 262.34(a)	270.14(a); 264.1030(b); 264.1031	Concentrations should be determined by a time-weighted average annually or when waste or process changes.		
M-2a Distillation—a Batch or Continuous Operation Which Separates One or More Feed Stream(s) into Two or More Exit Streams, Each Exit Stream Having Component Concentrations Different from Those in the Feed Stream(s)	270.24(b)(3); 264.1030(b); 264.1031	Include process description.		
M-2b Fractionation—a Distillation	270.24(b)(3);	Include process description.		

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	264.1030(b); 264.1031			
M-2c	Thin-Film Evaporation—a Distillation Operation that Employs a Heating Surface Consisting of a Large Diameter Tube that May be Either Straight or Tapered, Horizontal or Vertical	270.24(b)(3); 264.1030(b); 264.1031	Include process description.	
M-2d	Solvent Extraction—an Operation or Method of Separation in Which a Solid or Solution Contacts a Liquid Solvent (The Two Being Mutually Insoluble) to Preferentially Dissolve and Transfer One or More Components into the Solvent	270.24(b)(3); 264.1030(b); 264.1031	Include process description.	
M-2e	Air Stripping—a Desorption Operation Employed to Transfer One or More Volatile Components from a Liquid Mixture into a Gas (Air) Either with or Without the Application of Heat to the Liquid	270.24(b)(3); 264.1030(b); 264.1031	Include process description.	
M-2f	Stream Stripping—a Distillation Operation in Which Vaporization of the Volatile Constituents of a Liquid Mixture Takes Place by the	270.24(b)(3); 264.1030(b); 264.1031	Include process description.	

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Introduction of Steam Directly into the Charge.				
M-3a Reduce Total Organic Emission below 1.4 Kilogram per Hour (3 Pounds per Hour) and 2.8 Million Grams per Year (3.1 Tons per Year), <u>or</u>	270.24(b); 264.1032(a) (1),(c)	Engineering calculations or performance tests may be used to determine vent emissions and emissions reductions or total organic compound concentrations achieved by add-on control devices.		
M-3b Reduce Total Organic Emissions of 95 Percent by Weight with the Use of a Control Device	270.24(b); 264.1032(a) (2),(b)	Engineering calculations or performance tests may be used to determine vent emissions and emissions reductions or total organic compound concentrations achieved by add-on control devices.		
M-3c Reduce Emissions for Various Control Devices with Closed-vent Systems under the Following Operational Conditions:	270.24(b); 264.1032(a - b); 264.1033 (b - j)	Closed-vent systems are optional devices, but shall comply with regulations if they are used.		
M-3c(1) Control Device Involving Vapor Recovery (Condenser or Adsorber) Shall Recover at Least 95 Percent by Weight of the Organic Vapors	270.24(b); 264.1032(a) (1),(b)	A less than 95 percent recovery is permissible if control devices meet emission limits set in 264.1032(a)(1).		
M-3c(2) Enclosed Combustion Device (A Vapor Incinerator, Boiler, or Process Heater) Shall Recover at Least 95 Percent by Weight of Organic Emissions	270.24(d); 264.1033(c)	The device shall achieve 20 parts per million by weight or 1/2 second residence time at 760 °C.		

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M-3c(3) A Flare Shall Operate under the Following Four Conditions: (1) No Visible Emissions, (2) a Flame Present at all Times, (3) an Acceptable Net Heating Value, and (4) Appropriate Exit Velocity	270.24(d); 264.1033(d)			
M-4 Inspection Readings Shall Be Conducted at Least Daily. Vent Stream Flow Information Shall be Provided at Least Hourly.	270.24(d); 264.1033(f) (1),(3)			
M-4a Continuous Monitoring for the Following Control Devices:	270.24(d); 264.1033(f)(2)			
M-4a(1) Thermal Vapor Incinerator (One Temperature Sensor).	270.24(d); 264.1033(f)(2)(i)	Sensor shall have accuracy of ± 1 percent °C or ± 0.5 °C, whichever is greater.		
M-4a(2) Catalytic Vapor Incinerator (Two Temperature Sensor)	270.24(d); 264.1033(f)(2)(i)	Sensor shall have accuracy of ± 1 percent °C or ± 0.5 °C, whichever is greater.		
M-4a(3) Flare (Heat Sensing Device)	264.1033(f)(2)(iii)			
M-4a(4) Boiler or Process Heater with Heater Input Capacity Equal or Greater than 44 Megawatts (Recorder Which Indicates Good Combustion Practices)	270.24(d); 264.1033(f)(2)(v)			
M-4a(5) Condenser (Device with Recorder to Measure the Concentration of	270.24(d); 264.1033(f)(2)(vi)	Sensor shall have accuracy of ± 1 percent °C or ± 0.5 °C, whichever is		

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M-4a(6)	Carbon Adsorption System (Device to Measure Organic Vapors or a Recorder that Verifies Predetermined Regeneration Cycle)	270.24(d); 264.1033(f)(2)(vii)		
M-4b	Alternate Monitoring of Control Device	270.24(c); 264.1033(i)	Describe measurement of applicable monitoring parameters.	
M-4c	Inspection of the Following Control Devices:	270.24(d); 264.1033(g - h)		
M-4c(1)	Regenerable Carbon Adsorption System	270.24(d); 264.1033(g)	Carbon replacement schedule must be acceptable.	
M-4c(2)	Nonregenerable Carbon Adsorption System	270.24(d); 264.1033(h)	Carbon shall be replaced when breakthrough is observed or on an acceptable schedule.	
M-5	Basic Design and Operation			
M-5a	The Closed-Vent System Shall be Designed to Operate According to Either of the Following:	270.24(d); 264.1033(k)		
M-5a(1)	With No Detectable Emissions	270.24(d); 264.1033(k)(1)	Emissions shall be less than 500 parts per million above background.	

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M-5a(2) At a Pressure below Atmospheric Pressure	270.24(d); 264.1033(k)(2)	System shall be equipped with at least one pressure gauge or other measurement device that can be read from a readily accessible location to verify negative pressure is being maintained in system during operation.		
M-5b Owner/operator Shall Monitor and Inspect Each System	270.24(d); 264.1033(1)	The monitoring and inspection shall be done: (1) by date the system is subject to regulation, (2) annually, and (3) other times requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regional administrator. Various inspection and monitoring requirements apply depending upon the type of closed-vent system employed. All detected defects shall be repaired according to the schedule prescribed in 264.1033(l)(3).		
M-5c Closed-Vent System Shall be Operated at all Times When Emissions May be Vented to Them.	270.24(d); 264.1033(m)			
M-5d Carbon Adsorption System Used to Control Air	270.24(d); 264.1033(n)	Owner/operator must document that all carbon that is a hazardous waste and removed from the control device is		

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	Pollutant Emissions		managed in one of these approved manners: 264.1033(n)(1), (2), or (3).	
M-6	Any Components of a Closed-Vent System that are Designated as Unsafe to Monitor are Exempt from the Monitoring Requirements of 1033(l)(1)(i)(B) if Certain Conditions are Met.	270.24(d); 264.1033(o)	Applies to system if its components are unsafe to monitor and it adheres to written plan that requires monitoring using the procedures in 264.1033(l)(1)(ii)(B) as frequently as practicable during safe-to-monitor times.	
M-7a	Owner/operator Complies with Record Keeping Requirements	270.24(d); 264.1033; 264.1035	Depending on the type of control devices and closed vent systems used, various records must be maintained in the facility operating record.	
M-7b	Semiannual Report is Submitted According to Subpart AA Requirements	270.14(a); 264.1036	A semiannual report is only required if a control device operates outside the design specifications.	
M-7c	Implementation Schedule is Provided	270.24(a); 264.1033(a)(2)	A schedule shall be provided when facilities cannot install a closed-vent system and control device to comply with Part 264 on date facility is subject to requirements.	
M-7d	Performance Test Plan is Provided	270.24(c); 264.1035(b)(3)	A performance test plan shall be provided where owner/operator applies for permission to use control device other than thermal vapor incinerator,	

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		catalytic vapor incinerator, flare, boiler, process heater, condenser, or carbon adsorption system, and chooses to use test data to determine organic removal efficiency achieved by control device.		

Notes:

- ^a Considerations in addition to the requirements presented in the regulations.
- ^b For each requirement, this column must indicate one of the following: NA for not applicable, IM for information missing, or the exact location of the information in the application.
- ^c If application is deficient in an area, prepare a comment describing the deficiency, attach it to the checklist, and reference the comment in this column.