**Section 217.774 Opt-In Units**

a) Any operating fossil fuel-fired stationary boiler, combustion turbine, combined cycle system, cement kiln or stationary internal combustion engine in the State may qualify under this Subpart to become a budget opt-in unit if it:

1) Is not a budget EGU under Section 217.754 of this Part;

2) Vents all of its emissions to a stack;

3) Has documented heat input for more than 876 hours in the six months immediately preceding the submission of an application for an initial budget permit under subsection (d) of this Section;

4) Is not covered by a retired unit exemption under 40 CFR 96.5;

5) Is not covered by the low-emitter exemption under Section 217.754(c) of this Part; and

6) Is not located at a source listed in Appendix D of this Part.

b) Except as otherwise provided in this Part, a budget opt-in unit shall be treated as a budget EGU for purposes of applying this Subpart and 40 CFR 96.

c) Authorized account representative:

1) If an opt-in unit is located at the same source as one or more budget EGUs, it shall have the same account representative as those budget EGUs.

2) If the opt-in unit is not located at the same source as one or more budget EGUs, the owner or operator of the opt-in unit shall submit a complete account certificate of representation under 40 CFR 96.13.

d) To apply for a budget permit, the account representative of a unit meeting the qualifications of subsection (a) of this Section must, except as provided under Section 217.778(f) of this Part, submit to the Agency:

1) A budget permit application for the unit that:

A) Meets the requirements under Section 217.758 of this Part; and

B) Contains provisions for a change in the regulatory status of the unit to a budget opt-in unit under Section 217.754 of this Part pursuant to the provisions of Section 217.780(b) of this Part.

2) A monitoring plan for the unit in accordance with 40 CFR 96, subpart H.

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