

ECMPS Unit Program Dates Definitions and Rules

For ECMPS unit program dates, the normal definitions and rules are as follows:

I. Definitions

- **Commence Commercial Operation Date (CCO):** The date a unit began or will begin to generate electricity for sale.
- **Unit Monitor Certification Begin Date (UMCBD)¹:** The date that a unit becomes affected by a program.
- **Unit Monitor Certification Deadline (UMCD)²:** The deadline for completing certification and reporting hourly emissions for the program. For an existing program, this is generally the date at which compliance begins.
- **Emissions Recording Begin Date (ERBD):** The date that a unit is expected to begin recording hourly emissions data to meet program requirements.

II. Rules for Selected Scenarios

- A. When $CCO + 180^3$ is on or prior to the program phase monitor certification deadline:
- UMCBD is the program phase monitor certification deadline.
 - UMCD is the UMCBD.
 - ERBD is the UMCBD.⁴
- B. When $CCO + 180^3$ is later than the program phase monitor certification deadline:
- UMCBD is the later of the CCO and the program phase monitor certification deadline.
 - UMCD is the UMCBD + 180.³
 - ERBD is the earlier of the UMCD and the provisional certification date.⁴
- C. When the unit has an official exemption (i.e., NUE, RUE, PPA) when it is affected by the program:
- UMCBD is the day after the exemption end date.
 - UMCD is the UMCBD + 180.³
 - ERBD is the earlier of the UMCD and the provisional certification date.⁴

D. When the unit is not operating (i.e., deferred, long-term cold storage) when it is affected by the program:

- UMCBD is the day when the unit recommences operation.
- UMCD is the UMCBD + 180.³
- ERBD is the UMCBD.⁴

III. Comments

All these dates can be modified by CAMD when the default dates are not appropriate for specific situations. If a unit begins reporting hourly emission data either "late" or "early," the ERBD should be changed to reflect this. The purpose of the ERBD is to inform ECMPS (previously ETS) when hourly emissions data are expected. The UMCD is the date that indicates when a unit is "required" to complete certification and begin reporting.

We have not yet finalized rules for handling units that have physically moved.

Notes:

- ¹ For existing MATS units this should be 04/16/2015. For new units this should be the CCO + 150 days.
- ² For existing MATS units this should be 9/13/2015 (04/16/2014 + 150 days). For new units this should be CCO + 150 days.
- ³ 180 is defined as 90 calendar days for the OTC, NBP, and NHNOX programs; 90 calendar days for ARP units with a CCO date prior to 6/1/2002; otherwise, it is 180 calendar days.
- ⁴ If the program is an ozone-season program and the unit is already reporting NO_x on an annual basis, the ERBD may be April 1 instead of May 1.