

2004 Compliance for the Nox Budget Program

For NOx Budget Trading Program units located in a State that was not part of the OTC NOx Budget Trading Program--Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia--the compliance period in 2004 is May 31 - September 30. Sources in States that were part of the OTC NOx Budget Trading Program have a compliance period of May 1 - September 30. Beginning in 2005, all sources will have the same compliance period: May 1 - September 30.

All sources should report hourly and cumulative (both ozone season and annual) NOx tons and Heat Input (as required) for the entire ozone season as indicated in the EDR reporting instructions, regardless of the length of the compliance period. A new field will be added to the feedback table for the 2004 compliance period to indicate the NOx mass value to be used for compliance. The Emissions Tracking System will calculate and present in the feedback an EPA Accepted value based upon the State-specific compliance period.

To help EPA ensure the values used for the shorter compliance period are accurate, EPA strongly encourages sources to verify that the total NOx mass agrees with their calculations by using MDC hourly with the date filter set for May 31 - September 30. If the source does not agree with the NOx mass total, they should contact their ETS analyst, who is identified in the ETS feedback letter, as soon as possible.