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**RULE 465. REFINERY VACUUM-PRODUCING DEVICES OR SYSTEMS**

(a) Applicability

The provisions of this rule shall apply to all volatile organic compound emissions and sulfur compound emissions from any petroleum refinery vacuum-producing devices or systems, including hot wells and accumulators.

(b) Definitions

- (1) ACCUMULATOR is a tank or chamber for collecting and temporarily storing a condensed petroleum distillate which is the interim product in a refinery process.
- (2) EXEMPT COMPOUNDS are as defined in Rule 102.
- (3) HOT WELL is a chamber for collecting water condensate which is contaminated with the product of a refinery process.
- (4) VACUUM-PRODUCING DEVICE OR SYSTEM means any device or system which acts to maintain the pressure inside a petroleum refinery process vessel below 14.7 pounds per square inch, absolute.
- (5) VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND (VOC) is as defined in Rule 102.

(c) Requirements

- (1) Hot wells and accumulators shall be equipped with covers.
- (2) Exhaust gases from vacuum-producing devices or systems, including hot wells and accumulators, shall be continuously collected and added to a fuel gas system or combustion device that has been approved and issued a permit by the Executive Officer in accordance with all applicable District rules applicable to such a device.