1.9 General Notification and Reporting Requirements

(a) For the purposes of the provisions contained herein, time periods specified in days shall be measured in calendar days, even if the word “calendar” is absent, unless otherwise specified in an applicable requirement.

(b) For the purposes of the provisions contained herein, if an explicit postmark deadline is not specified in an applicable requirement for the submittal of a notification, application, test plan, report, or other written communication to the Director, the owner or operator shall postmark the submittal on or before the number of days specified in the applicable requirement. For example, if a notification must be submitted 15 days before a particular event is scheduled to take place, the notification shall be postmarked on or before 15 days preceding the event; likewise, if a notification must be submitted 15 days after a particular event takes place, the notification shall be delivered or postmarked on or before 15 days following the end of the event. The use of reliable non-Government mail carriers that provide indications of verifiable delivery of information required to be submitted to the Director, similar to the postmark provided by the U.S. Postal Service, or alternative means of delivery agreed to by the permitting authority, is acceptable.

(c) Notwithstanding time periods or postmark deadlines specified in the provisions contained herein for the submittal of information to the Director by an owner or operator, or the review of such information by the Director, such time periods or deadlines may be changed by mutual agreement between the owner or operator and the Director. Procedures governing the implementation of this provision are specified in paragraph (f) of this section.

(d) [Reserved]

(e) [Reserved]

(f) (1) (i) Until an adjustment of a time period or postmark deadline has been approved by the Director under paragraphs (f)(2) and (f)(3) of this section, the owner or operator of an affected facility remains strictly subject to the requirements of the provisions contained herein.

(ii) An owner or operator shall request the adjustment provided for in paragraphs (f)(2) and (f)(3) of this section each time he or she wishes to change an applicable time period or postmark deadline specified in the provisions contained herein.

(2) Notwithstanding time periods or postmark deadlines specified in the provisions contained herein for the submittal of information to the Director by an owner or operator, or the review of such information by the Director, such time periods or deadlines may be changed by mutual agreement between the owner or operator and the Director. An owner or operator who wishes to request a change in a time period or postmark deadline for a particular requirement shall request the adjustment in writing as soon as practicable before the subject activity is required to take place. The owner or operator shall include in the request whatever information he or she considers useful to convince the Director that an adjustment is warranted.

(3) If, in the Director’s judgment, an owner or operator’s request for an adjustment to a particular time period or postmark deadline is warranted, the Director will approve the adjustment.

(4) If the Director is unable to meet a specified deadline, he or she will notify the owner or operator of any significant delay and inform the owner or operator of the amended schedule.