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SUBJECT: Guidance on the Use of the General Visible Emissions Standard,  
Rule 62-296.320(4)(b), F.A.C., in Permits

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According to Rule 62-210.900(1), the instructions to the long form permit application, the general visible emission standard is defined as a facility-wide limitation. As such, it should not be included as a specific condition for an emission unit, unless the process weight table is used. If a facility emits particulate matter, this standard should be included as a facility-wide limit in the permit. In a Title V permit, this standard is listed in Section II, Facility-wide Conditions, and should not be repeated anywhere else in the permit; unless it is carried forward from a previously-issued, federally enforceable construction permit or FESOP, or it is paired with the process weight table.

Though the permittee is not required to perform a visible emissions compliance test to demonstrate compliance with the facility-wide limitation annually or before renewal, when the Department believes that the general visible emissions standard is being violated, the Department may require that the owner or operator perform a visible emissions compliance test per Chapter 62-297.310(7)(b), Special Compliance Tests, F.A.C.; or Department personnel who are certified to perform visible emissions tests may determine compliance with the general visible emission standard.

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