#### Introduction

This document provides an example of how a final Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) report could look and can be used as a template for CPAs in completing their final AUP report. The agreed-upon procedures that a CPA could carry out are provided in the third column, with example findings provided in the fourth column. Note that this example AUP report aligns with the EPA's suggested illustrative procedures. The example findings in this document are provided to demonstrate the language the EPA would expect to see in findings and do not represent the full range of findings possible. The values given are for illustrative purposes only.

Procedures have been assigned unique identifiers to help the EPA ensure that all correct procedures are all carried out. We ask that CPAs use the procedure identifiers (procedure ID in the table below) outlined in the suggested illustrative procedures below in their AUP reports so we can ensure all necessary procedures are carried out (e.g., S1-AT A. would correspond to the first procedure). Failure to do so may lead to the EPA contacting your client or firm to determine if procedures were carried out in alignment with regulations. If there are questions as to what activities are applicable to a regulated entity, please contact the EPA at <a href="https://example.com/herea/bpa.gov">https://example.com/herea/bpa.gov</a>.

The EPA requests that any tables be attached in an excel appendix with sheets labeled. An example appendix excel can be found on the EPA's Reporting and Recordkeeping Resources page of the "Protecting Our Climate by Reducing Use of HFCs" web area on the EPA's website. The EPA encourages CPAs to provide as much context on variances as possible to decrease the need for follow-up (i.e., provide direction and magnitude of variances for quantities, list missing records). A regulated entity may review the final AUP report before it is submitted but may not change any procedures or findings. A regulated entity may request their CPA perform additional procedures to confirm information reported to the EPA and/or provide records that would address discrepancies identified. The EPA encourages CPAs to get context from the auditee on variances and the entity's plans to address the variance to include in the report. This can be included in the final AUP report under findings as a "management response". The EPA will consider these notes during its review of the CPA's final report.

**Section 1: Activity Type** 

The procedures in this section apply to all entities and activity types.

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Regulatory Citation	Procedure	Agreed-Upon Procedures (EPA's Suggested Illustrative Procedures)	Example Findings	
	ID			
84.33(b) – For producers,	S1-AT	A. Obtain a written representation from a responsible corporate officer	S1-AT.A: We obtained a written representation	
importers, and exporters,		that outlines the activities the regulated entity engaged in during the	from a responsible corporate officer indicating	
auditors must review the		compliance period (e.g., <u>production</u> , <u>import</u> , <u>export</u> , <u>destruction</u> ,	that the regulated entity produced, imported,	
inputs the regulated				

entities used to develop
quarterly and annual
reports

84.33(b)(11) – All other reports submitted to the EPA under this subpart (producers, importers, and exporters)

84.33(c)(6) – All other reports submitted to EPA under this subpart (application-specific allowance holders)

84.33(d)(4) – All other reports submitted to EPA under this subpart (reclaimers and fire suppressant recyclers)

84.33(f)(2) – Attest that the company submitted all required reports to the Agency or specify which reports are missing and provide an assessment on whether missing reports should have been submitted

84.33(f)(3) – Obtain a signed statement from a

- <u>transformation</u>, <u>reclamation</u>, <u>fire suppression recycling</u>, <u>application-specific allowance</u> holders and requesters).
- B. Obtain from the regulated entity copies of reports submitted to the EPA under 40 CFR part 84, subpart A during the compliance period (e.g., HFC Producer/Importer/Exporter/Reclamation/Fire Suppression Recycling Quarterly Reports, HFC Application-Specific Allowance Holder Biannual Reports, Importer of Record Reports, HFC Request for Additional Consumption Allowances Reports, Petition to Import Virgin HFCs for Transformation or Destruction, Petition to Import Used HFCs for Destruction, HFC Transhipment Notifications, other Reporting Forms as listed in the EPA's HFC Allocation Program Reporting and Recordkeeping Resources webpage). Report as a finding a list of the report copies received from the regulated entity and the date of submission for those reports.
  - i. Obtain written representation from a responsible corporate officer that all reports submitted to the EPA for the prior compliance year are complete and accurate.
- C. Report as a finding any conversion factors (e.g., pounds to kilograms) used by the regulated entity that are relevant to recalculations done for the purposes of this report. The conversion factors reported should have the same number of decimal places as the conversion factors used by the regulated entity.

and held application-specific allowances during the compliance period.

S1-AT.B: We obtained copies of all reports submitted to the EPA during the compliance period. Please refer to Table S1AT\_B in the Appendix Tables Excel file for the listing of the reports and their submission dates. A full list of all records reviewed can be found in the Appendix Excel file.

S1-AT.B.i: We obtained a written representation from a responsible corporate officer indicating that all reports submitted to the EPA for the prior calendar year were complete and accurate.

S1-AT.C: The regulated entity used a conversion factor of .4536 to convert pounds to kilograms for reporting purposes.

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submitted to the EPA for		
the prior calendar year		
are complete and		
accurate		

#### **Section 2: Allowance Allocations and Transfers**

The procedures in this section apply to entities who are allowance holders (i.e., producers, importers, and application-specific allowance holders).

Regulatory Citation	Procedure	Agreed-Upon Procedures (EPA's Suggested Illustrative Procedures)	Example Findings
	ID		
84.33(b)(1) – The amount	S2-AA	Allowances Allocated	S2-AA.A.i-iii: We obtained all records listed.
of production and		A. Obtain the following:	S2-AA.B.: We compared the starting and
consumption allowances		i. The EPA <u>public notice</u> of entities receiving allowances (e.g.,	ending balances of allowances in internal
allocated (producers,		application-specific, production, consumption) that was	records (filename:
importers, and exporters)		issued by October 1 of the calendar year prior to the year of	2025_allowance_balance.xlsx) to the balance
		the compliance period (use available allowances adjusted for	statement issued by the EPA for production,
84.33(c)(1) – Records		administrative consequences in Tables 8 and 9).	consumption, and application-specific
documenting the amount		ii. Copies of the balance statements generated by the EPA and	allowances during the compliance period,
of application-specific		provided to the regulated entity.	noting no variances.
allowances allocated		iii. Regulated entity's internal records tracking allowance	S2-AA.B.i: We compared the balance of
(application-specific		balance(s).	allowances in internal records (filename:
allowance holders)		B. For each allowance type, compare the regulated entity's starting and	2025_allowance_balance.xlsx) to what is
		ending balance of allowances in their internal records to what is	stated in the balance statement, noting that
		stated in the balance statement for the compliance period. Report	the entity exceeded their consumption
		any variances.	allowances by 5 MTEVe. This exceedance was
		i. Report if the regulated entity exceeded their allocated	reported to EPA by the regulated entity and
		allowances regardless of if the overage was reported to the	was reflected in the fourth quarter importer
		EPA. Report the quantity of allowances they exceeded by.	quarterly report.

84.33(b)(2) – The	S2-AT	Allowance Transfers	S2-AT.A: We obtained a listing of allowance
amount, timing, and		A. Obtain the regulated entity's listing of allowance transfers (i.e., sales	transfers to and from the regulated entity for
parties to allowance		and/or purchases or other such transfers of allowances) for the	the compliance period by type of allowance,
transfers, and the		compliance period by type of allowance (e.g., production or	noting that the regulated entity only
associated		consumption allowances).	transferred consumption allowances to
documentation and		B. For each allowance transfer:	another company during the compliance
offset amount		i. Obtain the following:	period.
(producers, importers,		1. Copies of the HFC Inter-Company Transfers Report	S2-AT.B.i.1-4: We obtained all records listed.
and exporters)		submitted to the EPA by the regulated entity (only	S2-AT.B.ii.1-2: No variances were identified.
		available for transferers)	S2-AT.B.ii.3: The date of transfer for one
84.33(c)(2) – The		2. Regulated entity's internal records (contracts,	transfer varied by two days between internal
amount, timing, and		communications, and/or other records) supporting	records (filename:
parties to allowance		the transaction(s)	2025_allowance_balance.xlsx) and the balance
transfers, and the		3. Copy of the associated <u>non-objection notice</u>	statement. Refer to Table S2AT_B.ii.3 for
associated		generated by the EPA and provided to the regulated	detailed comparison. Regulated entity says
documentation and		entity in accordance with 40 CFR 84.19(a)(3)(i)	they will adjust their internal records to match
offset amount		4. The EPA allowance balance statement	this date.
(application-specific		ii. Compare, where applicable, the following from the internal	S2-AT.B.ii.4-6: No variances were identified.
allowance holders)		records, contracts, and/or communications to the HFC Inter-	
		Company Transfers Report, non-objection notice, and balance	
		statement. Report any variances:	
		The type and quantity of allowances transferred	
		2. The transferer and transferee	
		3. The date of transfer	
		4. The total cost of the allowances transferred	
		5. Quantity of unexpended allowances held by the	
		transferer	
		6. In the case of application-specific allowance	
		transfers, the specific application for which	
		allowances were transferred.	

Section 3: Producers

The procedures in this section apply to entities that produced regulated substances.

Regulatory Citation	Procedure ID	Agreed-Upon Procedures (EPA's Suggested Illustrative Procedures)	Example Findings
84.33(b) – For producers,	S3-Pr	For Producers of <u>regulated substances</u> :	S3-Pr.A.i: We obtained copies of all HFC
importers, and exporters,		A. Obtain the following:	Producer Quarterly Reports.
auditors must review the		i. Copies of all HFC Producer Quarterly Reports filed by the	S3-Pr.A.ii.1-13: We obtained all records listed.
inputs the regulated		regulated entity for the compliance period.	S3-Pr.B.i: No variances were identified.
entities used to develop		ii. Records required to be maintained consistent with 40 CFR	S3-Pr.B.ii: There were two instances where the
quarterly and annual		<u>84.31(b)(3)</u> :	production quantity varied between quarterly
reports		1. Dated records of the quantity (in kilograms) of each	reports and internal records (filename:
		regulated substance produced at each <u>facility</u> ;	production_values.xlsx). The second quarter
84.33(b)(3) – Records		2. Dated records of the quantity (in kilograms) of	HFC Producer Quarterly Report listed a quantity
documenting the amount		regulated substances produced for use in processes	of HFC-152a as 24 kg and internal records listed
of regulated substances		that result in their transformation, destruction, or as	a quantity of 26 kg. The third quarter HFC
imported, exported,		a process agent;	Producer Quarterly Report listed a quantity of
produced, and destroyed,		3. Dated records of the quantity (in kilograms) of	HFC-152a as 201_kg and internal records listed
transformed, or sent to		regulated substances sold for use in processes that	a quantity of 260 kg. Refer to Table S3Pr_B.ii for
another entity for such		result in their transformation, destruction, or as a	detailed comparison. Regulated entity plans to
purpose		process agent;	resubmit both quarterly reports to fix these
		4. Dated records of the quantity (in kilograms) of	quantity discrepancies.
		regulated substances produced by expending	S3-Pr.B.iii-iv: No variances were identified.
		conferred application-specific allowances and	S3-Pr.B.v: We confirmed that production
		quantity sold for use in each listed application;	volumes include HFCs that were emitted during
		5. Copies of invoices or receipts documenting sale of	production.
		regulated substances for use in processes that result	S3-Pr.C.i-iii: We obtained a written
		in their transformation, destruction, or as a process	representation from a responsible corporate
		agent;	officer indicating that the regulated entity did
		6. Dated records of the quantity (in kilograms) of each	not produce any HFCs for destruction during
		regulated substance used at each facility as	the compliance period.
		feedstocks or destroyed in the manufacture of a	

- regulated substance or in the manufacture of any other substance, and any regulated substance introduced into the production process of the same regulated substance at each facility;
- 7. Dated records of the quantity (in kilograms) of each regulated substance used at each facility as a process agent;
- 8. Dated records identifying the quantity (in kilograms) of each coproduct and byproduct chemical that is not a regulated substance produced within each facility also producing one or more regulated substances;
- Dated records of the quantity (in kilograms) of raw materials and feedstock chemicals used at each facility for the production of regulated substances;
- 10. Dated records of the shipments of each regulated substance produced at each plant;
- 11. The quantity (in kilograms) of regulated substances, the date received, and names and addresses of the source of used materials containing regulated substances which are recycled or reclaimed at each plant;
- 12. Records of the date, the regulated substance, and the estimated quantity of any spill or release of a regulated substance that equals or exceeds 100 pounds;
- 13. The transformation verification in the case of transformation, or the destruction verification in the case of destruction, showing that the purchaser or recipient of a regulated substance, in the United States or in another <u>foreign country</u>, certifies the intent to either transform or destroy the regulated substance, or sell the regulated substance for

S3-Pr.D: We compared allowances expended in each quarter per regulated entity internal records (filenames: production\_values.xlsx, 2025\_allowance\_balance.xlsx) to the allowances expended in the corresponding HFC Producer Quarterly Reports for each quarter, noting two variances. The second quarter HFC Producer Quarterly Report reported 0.3 MTEVe less than internal records. The third quarter HFC Producer Quarterly Report reported 7.3 MTEVe less than internal records. Refer to Table S3Pr\_E for detailed comparison. Regulated entity plans to resubmit both quarterly reports to fix these discrepancies.

transformation or destruction in cases when allowances were not expended;

- B. Compare data from the HFC Producer Quarterly Reports to the regulated entity's internal records required to be maintained consistent with 40 CFR 84.31(b)(3). Report any variances.
  - i. The date of production
  - ii. The quantity (in kilograms) of HFCs produced
  - iii. The type of HFCs produced
  - iv. The intended use of the regulated substance (e.g., HFCs produced for consumption, transformation, destruction, use as a process agent, use as a feedstock, or sold/used in other processes)
  - v. Confirm whether production volumes include HFCs that were emitted during production (e.g., HFC-23)
- C. For HFCs produced for destruction:
  - i. Obtain the regulated entity's internal records detailing the method/technology of destruction as per the confirmation of destruction.
  - ii. Confirm the regulated entity's documented method/technology of destruction per the confirmation of destruction is in agreement with the allowable methods described under 40 CFR 84.29 and compare it to the destruction requirements of 40 CFR 84.5(a)(3).
  - iii. Compare the date the regulated substance was produced per regulated entity internal records to the date it was destroyed per the confirmation of destruction. Report if the date of destruction was within the required window (30 days for onsite destruction, 120 days for off-site destruction) in accordance with 40 CFR 84.5(a)(3).
- D. Compare allowances <u>expended</u> in each quarter per regulated entity internal records to the allowances expended in the corresponding HFC Producer Quarterly Reports for each quarter. Report any variances.

**Section 4: Importers** 

The procedures in this section apply to entities that imported regulated substances.

Regulatory Citation	Procedure ID	Agreed-Upon Procedures (EPA's Suggested Illustrative Procedures)	Example Findings
84.33(b) – For producers,	S4-Imp	For <u>importers</u> of regulated substances:	S4-Imp.A.i: We obtained copies of all HFC
importers, and exporters,		A. Obtain the following:	Importer Quarterly Reports.
auditors must review the		i. Copies of all HFC Importer Quarterly Reports filed by the	S4-Imp.A.ii.1-15: We obtained all records listed.
inputs the regulated		regulated entity for the compliance period.	S4-Imp.A.iii.1-8: We obtained a written
entities used to develop		ii. Records required to be maintained consistent with 40 CFR	representation from a responsible corporate
quarterly and annual		84.31(c)(2):	officer indicating that the regulated entity did
reports		1. The quantity (in kilograms) of each regulated	not import any HFCs for destruction during the
		substance imported, either alone or in mixtures,	compliance period.
84.33(b)(3) – Records		including the percentage of each mixture that	S4-Imp.A.iv-vii: We obtained all records listed.
documenting the amount		consists of a regulated substance;	S4-Imp.B.i: No variances in date were identified.
of regulated substances		2. The quantity (in kilograms) of used regulated	Entity uses CBP ACE Cargo Manifest Query to
imported, exported,		substances imported for destruction under the	obtain conveyance arrival date that is reported
produced, and destroyed,		process described in 40 CFR 84.25(b);	as date of import on importer quarterly
transformed, or sent to		3. The quantity (in kilograms) of regulated substances	reports.
another entity for such		imported for use in processes resulting in their	S4-Imp.B.ii-viii: No variances were identified.
purpose		transformation or destruction;	S4-Imp.C: We obtained a written representation
		4. The quantity (in kilograms) of regulated substances	from a responsible corporate officer indicating
84.33(b)(5) – The date		imported and sold for use in processes that result in	that the regulated entity did not import any
and the port from which		their transformation or destruction;	heels during the compliance period.
regulated substances		5. The date on which the regulated substances were	S4-Imp.D-E: We obtained a written
were imported or		imported;	representation from a responsible corporate
exported		6. The port of entry through which the regulated	officer indicating that the regulated entity did
		substances passed;	not import any HFCs for destruction or
84.33(b)(6) - A copy of		7. The country from which the imported regulated	transformation during the compliance period.
the bill of lading and the		substances were imported;	S4-Imp.F: No variances were identified.
invoice indicating the			

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quantity of regulated	8. The company that produced the imported regulated	S4-Imp.G: We confirmed that the regulated
substances imported or	substances;	entity filed an importer of record report.
exported	<ol><li>The Harmonized Tariff Schedule codes for the regulated substances imported;</li></ol>	S4-Imp.G.i-ii: No variances were identified.
84.33(b)(7) – Relevant	10. The importer number for the shipment;	
Harmonized Tariff	11. A copy of the bill of lading for the import;	
Schedule (HTS) codes	12. The invoice for the import;	
	13. The U.S. Customs entry number;	
	14. Dated records documenting the sale or transfer of	
	regulated substances for use in processes resulting in	
	their transformation or destruction;	
	15. Copies of transformation verifications or	
	destruction verifications indicating that the regulated	
	substances will be transformed or destroyed;	
	iii. If HFCs were imported for destruction, records required to	
	be maintained consistent with 40 CFR 84.31(c)(4):	
	<ol> <li>A copy of the petition to import for destruction;</li> </ol>	
	2. The EPA non-objection notice;	
	3. A copy of the export license, export license	
	application, or official communication from the	
	appropriate government agency in the country of	
	export;	
	4. An English translation of the document in paragraph	
	(c)(4)(iii) of 40 CFR 84.31(c)(4);	
	5. U.S. Customs entry documents for the import that	
	must include the Harmonized Tariff Schedule codes;	
	6. The date, amount (in kilograms), and name of the	
	regulated substances sent for destruction, per	
	shipment;	
	7. An invoice from the destruction facility verifying the shipment was received; and	
	8. Records from the destruction facility indicating that	
	the substance has been destroyed.	

- iv. Data downloaded from Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) to document imports. The records should document "Conveyance Arrival," which can be found in record identifier "WR5" or other similar reports such as an Automated Commercial Environment Cargo Manifest, In-Bond, or Entry Status Query.
- v. U.S. Customs Entry Forms (7501 or 3461 forms)
- vi. Dated records identifying the quantity of each regulated substance transhipped.
- vii. Copies of any additional in-house records and/or databases containing import data.
- B. For the list of attributes below, compare the information from internal records (e.g., invoices, Bills of Lading) to the data reported in the HFC Importer Quarterly Reports. Report any variances.
  - i. The date of import (i.e., the "Conveyance Arrival" date as documented in records downloaded from CBP);
  - ii. The port from which the regulated substances were imported;
  - iii. The Harmonized Tariff Schedule code under which the import or export was filed with Customs;
  - iv. Source country;
  - v. U.S. customs entry number;
  - vi. Type of HFC;
  - vii. Importer number for the shipment;
  - viii. Quantity (in kilograms) of HFC or HFC blend imported, including the percentage of each blend that consists of a regulated substance by HFC type;
- C. Confirm if regulated entity imported heels and that imports of <a href="heels">heels</a> were reported on the HFC Importer Quarterly Report.
- D. For HFCs imported for destruction, confirm that each <u>individual</u> <u>shipment</u> authorized through a non-objection notice was used in a process resulting in its destruction within 120 days of import in compliance with 40 CFR 84.25(a)(3)(ii).

E. For HFCs imported for destruction or transformation, compare the	
date of the non-objection notice issued by the EPA to the date the	
HFCs were imported into the United States. Report any variances.	
F. Compare allowances expended in each quarter per regulated entity	
internal records to the allowances expended in the corresponding	
HFC Importer Quarterly Reports for each quarter. Report any	
variances.	
G. If the entity imported in the calendar year, confirm they filed the	
importer of record report in accordance with 40 CFR 84.31(c)(9)(ii).	
Note if failure to file this report.	
i. Compare the reported importer numbers in the imported of	
record report to the shipment importer numbers reported in	
the HFC Importer Quarterly Reports.	
ii. Compare the reported subsidiaries, commonly owned or	
majority owned entities, alternative names under which the	
entity does business, and identity of owners and percentage	
of ownership per company internal records to the	
information submitted in the Importer of Record Report.	

#### **Section 5: Exporters**

The procedures in this section apply to entities that exported regulated substances.

Regulatory Citation	Procedure ID	Agreed-Upon Procedures (EPA's Suggested Illustrative Procedures)	Example Findings
84.33(b) – For producers,	S5-Exp	For exporters of regulated substances:	S5-Exp.A-B: We obtained a written
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importers, and exporters,		A. Obtain the following:	representation from a responsible corporate
auditors must review the		i. Copies of all HFC Exporter Quarterly Reports filed by the	officer indicating that the regulated entity did
inputs the regulated		regulated entity for the compliance period	not export HFCs during the compliance period.
entities used to develop		ii. Regulated entity internal listing of exports detailing:	

quarterly and annual	The quantity of each specific regulated substance	
reports	exported, including the quantity of regulated	
reports	substance that is used, reclaimed, or recycled	
84.33(b)(3) – Records	2. The date on which, and the port from which, the	
documenting the amount	regulated substances were exported from the United	
of regulated substances	States or its territories	
imported, exported,	3. The country to which the regulated substances were	
produced, and destroyed,	exported	
transformed, or sent to	4. The Harmonized Tariff Schedule codes for the	
another entity for such	regulated substances shipped	
•	5. Type of HFC	
purpose	•••	
94.33/h)/E) The data	iii. Dated records identifying the quantity of used regulated	
84.33(b)(5) – The date	substances exported for destruction	
and the port from which	iv. Dated records identifying the quantity of regulated substances	
regulated substances	exported for use in processes resulting in their	
were imported or	transformation or destruction	
exported	v. Dated records identifying the quantity of regulated substances	
	exported and sold for use in processes that result in their	
84.33(b)(6) – A copy of	transformation or destruction.	
the bill of lading and the	vi. Bills of lading for each export	
invoice indicating the	vii. Invoices documenting the sale of the material to an entity	
quantity of regulated	outside the United States	
substances imported or	viii. Data downloaded from CBP's Automated Export System (AES)	
exported	or a copy of the Electronic Export Information (EEI) document generated from AES	
84.33(b)(7) – Relevant	ix. Copies of any additional in-house records and/or databases	
Harmonized Tariff	containing export data	
Schedule codes	B. Compare the following information from internal records to the data	
	reported in the HFC Exporter Quarterly Reports. Report any	
	variances.	
	i. The date of export;	
	ii. The port from which the regulated substances were exported;	
	iii. The Harmonized Tariff Schedule code under which the export	
	was filed with Customs;	

iv. The country to which the regulated substances were exported;	
v. Regulated substance type;	
vi. Quantity (in kilograms) of HFC or HFC blend exported, including	
the percentage of each blend that consists of a regulated	
substance by HFC type;	
vii. Transaction type (e.g., new, <u>used</u> , reclaimed, recycled)	
viii. Intended use type (e.g., Exports for Use in a Process Resulting	
in Transformation or Destruction, Exports for Disposal by	
Destruction, Exports Sold for Use in a Process Resulting in	
Transformation or Destruction)	
ix. Confirm that exports of <u>heels</u> were reported on the HFC	
Exporter Quarterly Report.	

# **Section 6: Conferred Allowances**

The procedures in this section apply to entities that produced and/or imported regulated substances by expending application-specific allowances. The procedures also apply to producers/importers who conferred application-specific allowances.

Regulatory Citation	Procedure	Agreed-Upon Procedures (EPA's Suggested Illustrative Procedures)	Example Findings
	ID		
84.33(b)(4) – Records	S6-CA	Application-Specific Allowances Conferred	S6-CA.A-D: We obtained a written
documenting any		A. Obtain the regulated entity's listing of application-specific allowance	representation from a responsible corporate
application-specific		conferrals for the compliance period.	officer indicating that the regulated entity did
allowances allocated or		B. For each allowance conferral (to or from the entity) during the	not receive conferred application-specific
conferred from other		compliance period:	allowances during the compliance period.
companies, including the		<ul> <li>i. Obtain the following for the compliance period:</li> </ul>	
amounts of allowances		<ol> <li>Copy of the HFC Conferral of Allowances Report</li> </ol>	
conferred, regulated		submitted to the EPA by the regulated entity (this is	
substances purchased		only available to the conferrer)	
and/or sold, the specific		2. Regulated entity internal records (contracts,	
application for which the		communications, and/or other records) which	
regulated substances		support the details of each allowance conferral, as	
were provided, and the		required to be maintained in accordance with 40 CFR	
names, telephone		<u>84.31(h)(6)</u> .	

numbers, and email	Certification from the conferrer and conferee stating	
addresses for contact	that the regulated substances acquired using the	
persons for the recipient	conferred application-specific allowances will only be	
companies ( <i>producers</i> ,	used for that specific application in accordance with	
importers)	40 CFR 84.31(h)(4)(vi).	
Importors,	4. Copy of the associated confirmation notice	
	generated by the EPA and provided to the regulated	
	entity in accordance with 40 CFR 84.31(h)(5).	
	5. Copy of the balance statement generated by the EPA	
	and provided to the regulated entity.	
	6. Dated records of the quantity of regulated	
	substances produced or imported by expending	
	conferred application-specific allowances (this is only	
	available for the conferee).	
	7. Dated records of the quantity sold for use in each	
	listed application.	
	8. Associated invoices and shipping documents for the	
	sale and movement of physical regulated substances.	
	9. A list of the names, telephone numbers, and email	
	addresses for contact persons for the recipient	
	companies.	
	10. Regulated entity's listing(s) of application-specific	
	allowances expended for the compliance period by	
	type of HFC and application.	
	ii. Compare, where applicable, the following from the internal	
	records, contracts, and/or communications to the	
	certification, confirmation notice, and balance statement.	
	Report any variances.	
	1. The quantity of allowances conferred	
	2. The application for which allowances were conferred	
	not listed on the balance statement	
	3. The conferrer and conferee	
	4. The date of conferral	

D. For each sale, in accordance with 40 CFR 84.31(b)(3)(iv) and 40 CFR 84.31(c)(1)(iv):  i. Obtain the following information from a responsible corporate officer:  1. The quantity and type of HFCs sold 2. The application for which the HFCs were sold 3. The date of sale 4. The name of the recipient company 5. The conferral data reported to the EPA and internal records, contracts, and/or communications that document the conferrals 6. Regulated entity's listing(s) of application-specific allowances expended for the compliance period by application  ii. Compare the information above to the following and report any variances.  1. The data reported in Section 4 of the HFC Producer Quarterly Reports  Reports

# **Section 7: Storage, Inventory, and Other Reports**

The procedures in this section apply to entities that produced, imported, and/or exported regulated substances.

Regulatory Citation	Procedure	Agreed-Upon Procedures (EPA's Suggested Illustrative Procedures)	Example Findings
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84.33(b)(8) – The	S7-St	Storage and Transportation	S7-St.A.i: We obtained the company's internal
number and type of		A. Obtain the following:	documentation of containers used to store and
railcars, ISO tanks,			transport HFCs during the compliance period.
individual cylinders,			

drums, small cans, or		<ol> <li>Regulated entity internal listing detailing the number and</li> </ol>	S7-St.B: See Table S7St_B in appendix excel for
other containers used to		types of containers used to store and transport the regulated	the number and type of containers used for
store, and transport		substances during the compliance period.	storage.
regulated substances		B. Report a summary of number and type of containers used for	S7-St.C: See Table S7St_C in appendix excel for
		storage.	the number and type of containers used for
		C. Report a summary of number and type of containers used for	transport.
		transport.	
84.33(b)(9) – The	S7-In	Inventory of Regulated substances.	S7-In.A.i-ii: We obtained all records listed.
inventory of regulated		A. Obtain the following:	S7-In.B: We recalculated end-of-year inventory
substances as of the end		i. Copies of all HFC Producer Quarterly Reports, HFC Importer	using internal records (company uses an excel to
of the prior calendar year		Quarterly Reports, and/or HFC Exporter Quarterly Reports	track inventory).
		filed by the regulated entity for the compliance period	S7-In.C.: We compared the calculated quantities
		ii. Internal records documenting end-of-year inventory of each	to the quantities reported in the fourth quarter
		regulated substance held onsite by the regulated entity or	HFC Producer Quarterly Report and HFC
		held under contract by another company for the regulated	Importer Quarterly Report. We noted that the
		entity's use	fourth quarter HFC Importer Quarterly Report
		B. Recalculate the end-of-year inventory for each regulated substance	had a lower quantity of HFC-152a reported in
		based on the records.	inventory than internal records by 27.3 kg.
		C. Compare the calculated quantities to the quantities reported in the	Internal records documented a quantity of HFC-
		fourth quarter HFC Producer Quarterly Report, HFC Importer	152a held in inventory of 149.6 kg, the fourth
		Quarterly Report, and/or HFC Exporter Quarterly Report. Report	quarter HFC Importer Quarterly Report reported
		any variances.	122.3 kg. See Table S7In_C in appendix excel for
		,	a detailed comparison.
84.33(b)(12) - All other	S7-OR	Other Reports Submitted to the EPA:	S7-OR.A-C: We obtained a written
reports submitted to the		A. Obtain the following:	representation from a responsible corporate
EPA under this subpart		i. Copies of any Transhipment Notifications filed by the regulated	officer indicating that the regulated entity did
·		entity for the compliance period	not file any Transshipment Notifications or
		ii. Copies of any petitions (e.g., Petition to Import Virgin HFCs for	Petitions during the compliance period.
		Transformation or Destruction, Petition to Import Used HFCs	
		for Destruction) filed by the regulated entity for the	
		compliance period	
		B. For each Transhipment Notification:	
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i. Compare all transhipments to those reported in the HFC	
Importer Quarterly and/or HFC Exporter Quarterly	
Reports. Report any variances.	
ii. Confirm all transhipment were exported from the United	
States within six months of its import. Report any variances.	
C. For each Petition:	
i. Compare the quantity of HFCs in the approved petition to the	
quantity imported in the HFC Importer Quarterly Reports.	
Report variances where the quantity in the quarterly report	
exceeds the approved petition amount.	

#### **Section 8: Application-Specific Allowance Holders**

The procedures in this section apply to entities that requested and/or were allocated application-specific allowances (i.e., if you requested allowances for CY2026 in 2025 or received allowances for CY2025, these procedures should be conducted).

Regulatory Citation	Procedure	Agreed-Upon Procedures (EPA's Suggested Illustrative Procedures)	Example Findings
	ID		
84.33(c)(3) – Records	S8-	Application-Specific Allowances Conferrals	S8-AppSpC.A-C: We obtained a written
documenting any	AppSpC	A. Obtain the regulated entity's listing of application-specific	representation from a responsible corporate
application-specific		allowance conferrals for the compliance period.	officer indicating that the regulated entity did not
allowances conferred to		B. For each allowance conferral (to or from the entity) during the	confer or receive conferred application-specific
or from other companies,		compliance period:	allowances during the compliance period.
including the amounts of		i. Obtain the following:	
allowances conferred,		<ol> <li>Copy of the HFC Conferral of Allowances Report</li> </ol>	
regulated substances		submitted to the EPA by the regulated entity (this	
purchased, the specific		is only available to the conferrer).	
application for which the		<ol><li>Regulated entity internal records (contracts,</li></ol>	
regulated substances		communications, and/or other records) which	
were provided, and the		support the details of each allowance conferral, as	
names, telephone		required to be maintained in accordance with 40	
numbers, and email		CFR 84.31(h)(6)	
addresses for contact		<u> </u>	

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persons for the recipient	a. Associated invoices and shipping	
companies	documents for the sale and movement of	
	physical regulated substances	
	3. Certification from the conferrer and conferee	
	stating that the regulated substances acquired	
	using the conferred application-specific allowances	
	will only be used for that specific application in	
	accordance with 40 CFR 84.31(h)(4)(vi).	
	4. Copy of the associated confirmation notice	
	generated by the EPA and provided to the	
	regulated entity in accordance with 40 CFR	
	<u>84.31(h)(5)</u> .	
	5. Copy of the balance statement generated by the	
	EPA and provided to the regulated entity.	
	ii. Compare, where applicable, the following from the	
	internal records, contracts, and/or communications to the	
	certification, confirmation notice, and balance statement.	
	Report any variances.	
	1. The quantity of allowances conferred	
	2. The application for which allowances were	
	conferred	
	3. The conferrer and conferee	
	4. The date of conferral	
	C. For all HFCs purchased for application-specific uses by conferring	
	allowances during the compliance period:	
	i. Obtain the following:	
	1. Invoices and order records related to the	
	purchase of regulated substances	
	2. A list of the names, telephone numbers, and	
	email addresses for contact persons for the	
	recipient companies	
	3. Records documenting how regulated substances	
	acquired with application-specific allowances	
	were used	

84.33(c)(4) – Records documenting the total amount of regulated substances purchased for the application-specific end use, and the amount of regulated substances sold to another company for application-specific use	S8- AppSpP	ii. Compare the following from the internal records (e.g., invoices) to the data reported in Section 3 of the HFC Application-Specific Allowance Holder Biannual Reports (columns 6a-9b). Report any variances.  1. The total quantity and type of HFCs purchased/received 2. The name of the company from which HFCs were purchased/received iii. For each HFC Application-Specific Allowance Holder Biannual Report, confirm that the total quantity acquired of each regulated substance reported in Section 3 meets both of the following criteria: is greater than or equal to the total quantity reported in Section 2 column 2; and less than or equal to the total quantity of material acquired in Section 2 (columns 2-4).  Purchase of HFCs for application-specific use with and without expending application-specific allowances: A. For each purchase of HFCs for application-specific use during the compliance period: i. Obtain the following:  1. Invoices and order records related to the purchase of regulated substances 2. If purchased through a sale or conveyance (i.e., material that was purchased from another entity in the same application that acquired the regulated substances by expending application-specific allowances), obtain a copy of the letter submitted to the EPA by the regulated entity stating that it concurs with the terms of the sale or conveyance as requested by the application-specific seller 3. Copies of additional in-house records documenting the total amount of regulated	S8-AppSpP.A.i.1: We obtained all records listed. S8-AppSpP.A.i.2: We obtained a written representation from a responsible corporate officer indicating that HFCs were not purchased through a sale or conveyance so did not obtain records in S8-AppSpP.A.i.2. S8-AppSpP.A.i.3: We obtained all records listed. S8-AppSpP.A.ii: We compared the total quantity purchased based on invoices and order record to the total quantity purchased reported in the biannual reports. No variances were identified.
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		substances purchased for the application-specific end use from the regulated entity's data systems ii. Compare the total quantity purchased for application-specific use from internal records to the total reported in the HFC Application-Specific Allowance Holder Biannual Report by regulated substance (sum column 2 and 4 in Section 2) for each six-month period of the compliance period.	
84.33(c)(4) – Records documenting the total amount of regulated substances purchased for the application-specific end use, and the amount of regulated substances sold to another company for application-specific use	S8- AppSpHP	Historical Purchases  A. For each historical purchase of HFCs for application-specific uses by a first-time application-specific allowance holder or entity that did not receive allowances in the year prior to the compliance period:  i. Obtain the following:  1. Invoices and order records related to the purchase of regulated substances over the three-year period preceding the regulated entity's request for application-specific allowances  2. Copies of additional in-house records from the regulated entity's data systems  ii. Compare the following from the internal records and invoices to the data reported in Section 7 of the 1H HFC Application-Specific Allowance Holder Biannual Report. Report any variances.  1. The quantity and type of HFCs purchased  2. The date of purchase	S8-AppSpHP.A: We obtained a written representation from a responsible corporate officer indicating that the regulated entity was not a first-time application-specific allowance holder or entity that did not receive allowances in the year prior to the compliance period.
84.33(c)(4) – Records documenting the total amount of regulated substances purchased for the application-specific end use, and the amount of regulated substances	S8- AppSpImp	Import of HFCs by Expending Application-Specific Allowances  A. If the regulated entity imported regulated substances by expending their own application-specific allowances, compare the reported quantity of HFCs imported in Section 2 columns 15a-15e of the HFC Importer Quarterly Reports to the quantity of HFCs imported by expending allowances reported in each HFC	S8-AppSpImp.A: No variances were identified.

sold to another company for application-specific use		Application-Specific Allowance Holder Biannual Report (Section 2 column 3) by application and HFC type.	
84.33(c)(4) – Records documenting the total amount of regulated substances purchased for the application-specific end use, and the amount of regulated substances sold to another company for application-specific used	S8- AppSpSC	Sale or Conveyance of HFCs A. For each sale or conveyance of HFCs for application-specific uses during the compliance period:  i. Obtain the following:  1. Invoices and order records related to the sale or conveyance of regulated substances 2. Copy of the HFC Sale or Conveyance Report submitted to the EPA by the regulated entity 3. Copy of the associated non-objection notice generated by the EPA and provided to the regulated entity 4. Regulated entity's internal records documenting the expenditure or conferral of application-specific allowances to originally acquire the material.  ii. Compare the following from the internal records and invoices to the data reported in the HFC Sale or Conveyance Reports Report any variances.  1. The quantity and type of HFCs originally purchased 2. The application for which the HFCs were originally purchased 3. The date of original purchase 4. The quantity and type of HFCs sold 5. The application for which the HFCs were sold 6. The date of sale 7. The name of the recipient company 8. Internal records, contracts, and/or communications that document the conferrals	S8-AppSpSC.A: We obtained a written representation from a responsible corporate officer indicating that no HFCs were sold or conveyed for application-specific uses during the compliance period.

84.33(c)(5) – Inventory of	S8-	Inventory	S8-AppSpIn.A.i-ii: We obtained all records listed.
regulated substances at	AppSpIn	A. Obtain the following:	S8-AppSpIn.B: We recalculated inventory for each
the end of the calendar		i. Copies of HFC Application-Specific Allowance Holder	half of the compliance period using an excel the
year		Biannual Reports filed by the regulated entity for the	regulated entity uses for tracking inventory
		compliance period	movement and compared the recalculated
		ii. Internal records documenting inventory of each	quantities to the reported inventory in the 1H and
		regulated substance held onsite by the regulated entity or	2H HFC Application-Specific Allowance Holder
		held under contract by another company for the	Biannual Reports for each regulated HFC. No
		regulated entity's use.	variances were identified.
		B. Recalculate the June 30 and December 31 inventory for each	
		regulated substance using internal records and compare to	
		reported inventory for each regulated substance in the respective	
		HFC Application-Specific Allowance Holder Biannual	
		Reports. Report any variances.	

# **Section 9: Reclaimers and Fire Suppression Recyclers**

The procedures in this section apply to entities that reclaimed regulated substances and/or recycled regulated substances for use in fire suppression.

Regulatory Citation	Procedure	Agreed-Upon Procedures (EPA's Suggested Illustrative Procedures)	Example Findings
84.33(d)(1) – The quantity	S9-	Regulated substances sent to be reclaimed/recycled:	S9-RecFSSR.A-E: We obtained a written
of regulated substances	RecFSSR	A. Obtain the following:	representation from a responsible corporate officer
received for reclamation		i. Copies of all HFC Reclamation Quarterly Reports and HFC	indicating that the regulated entity did not reclaim
or recycling		Fire Suppressant Recycling Quarterly Reports filed by the	or recycle HFCs during the compliance period.
		regulated entity for the compliance period	
84.33(d)(2) – A random		ii. The regulated entity's listing of HFCs received for	
sample (5 percent or 10,		<u>reclamation</u> or <u>recycling</u> during the compliance period.	
whichever is higher) of		B. For each HFC received, obtain the following:	
records documenting the		i. Names and addresses of persons sending the regulated	
names and addresses of		entity HFCs for reclamation or recycling	
persons sending them		ii. The date that the HFCs were received	
material and the quantity			

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of the material, measured		iii. The type of HFC sent to the regulated entity for	
in the combined mass of		reclamation or recycling	
refrigerant and		iv. The quantity of the HFC (the combined mass of	
contaminants, by		regulated substance and contaminants) sent to the	
regulated substance to		regulated entity for reclamation or recycling	
them		C. Select a random sample (5 percent or 10 individual transactions,	
		whichever is higher) of the total HFCs received for reclamation	
		or recycling during the compliance period. Report the specific	
		sampling procedures performed.	
		D. For each sample selected, compare the following information in	
		regulated entity internal records to the data provided in the	
		HFC Reclamation Quarterly Reports or HFC Fire Suppressant	
		Recycling Quarterly Reports. Report any variances.	
		i. The quantity of the HFC, measured in the combined mass	
		of refrigerant and contaminants, sent to the regulated	
		entity for reclamation or recycling.	
		ii. The type of regulated substance sent to the regulated	
		entity for reclamation or recycling.	
		E. Compare the total quantity received for reclamation or recycling	
		by HFC type for the compliance period to the reported total	
		quantity received across HFC Reclamation Quarterly Reports or	
		HFC Fire Suppressant Recycling Quarterly Reports. Report any	
		variances.	
		variances.	
84.33(d)(3) – Records	S9-RecFSR	Regulated substances reclaimed or recycled:	S9-RecFSR.A-B: We obtained a written
documenting the quantity		A. Obtain the regulated entity's listing of HFCs reclaimed or	representation from a responsible corporate officer
of regulated substances		recycled during the compliance period, including the quantity	indicating that the regulated entity did not reclaim
reclaimed		reclaimed or recycled.	or recycle HFCs during the compliance period.
		B. Compare the quantity reclaimed or recycled for each HFC to the	or respond in as assume some particular
		HFC Reclamation Quarterly Reports and HFC Fire Suppressant	
		Recycling Quarterly Reports. Report any variances.	
84.33(d)(4) – All other	S9-	Other Reports Submitted to the EPA:	S9-RecFSOR.A-C: We obtained a written
reports submitted to EPA	RecFSOR	A. Obtain the following:	representation from a responsible corporate officer
under this subpart	incer 3011	7. Ostani the following.	representation from a responsible corporate officer
under this subpart	1		

i. Copies of the fourth quarter HFC Reclaimer Quarterly	indicating that the regulated entity did not reclaim
Report and/or HFC Fire Suppressant Recycler Quarterly	or recycle HFCs during the compliance period.
Report filed by the regulated entity for the compliance	
period with end-of-year inventory information in	
accordance with $84.31(i)(3)$ and $84.31(j)(2)$ .	
ii. Regulated entity's internal records documenting end-of-	
year inventory of each regulated substance held onsite by	
the regulated entity, broken out by recovered, recycled,	
and virgin material	
B. Recalculate the end-of-year inventory for each regulated	
substance based on the records.	
C. Compare the calculated quantities to the quantities reported in	
the fourth quarter HFC Reclaimer Quarterly Report and/or HFC	
Fire Suppressant Recycler Quarterly Report. Report any	
variances.	

# **Section 10: Batch Testing Requirements**

The procedures in this section apply to entities who are subject to batch testing requirements.

Regulatory Citation	Procedure ID	Agreed-Upon Procedures (EPA's Suggested Illustrative Procedures)	Example Findings
84.33(b)(10) – A random sample (5 percent or 10, whichever is higher) of batch testing results (producers, importers, and exporters)	S10-BT	Detailed Testing of Batch Testing Results  A. Obtain a written representation from a responsible corporate officer noting if the regulated entity was subject to batch testing requirements (e.g., import, production, reclaim, etc.). If the regulated entity was exempt from batch testing requirements, the regulated entity should provide an explanation as to why the requirements do not apply.	S10-BT.A.i: We obtained a written representation from a responsible corporate officer indicating that the regulated entity was subject to batch testing requirements as a producer and an importer.  S10-BT.A.ii: We obtained a written representation from a responsible corporate officer indicating
84.33(d)(4) – All other reports submitted to EPA under this subpart		i. Report as a finding, all activities for which the regulated entity batch tested (e.g., importing, exporting, producing).	that the regulated entity did not repackage regulated substances for sale or distribution during the compliance period.

(reclaimers and fire		
suppression recyclers)		

84.33(g)(4) – For a reclaimer that relies on a third-party laboratory for batch testing, the laboratory analysis consists of the results provided by the third-party laboratory

- ii. Confirm if the regulated entity repackaged regulated substances for sale or distribution.
- B. Obtain the regulated entity's internal records of all tested batches of regulated substances packaged for sale or distribution during the compliance period by activity type.
- C. For each activity type that requires batch testing (e.g., production, import, export, reclamation, recycling):
  - i. Select a random sample (5 percent or 10 results, whichever is higher) of batch testing results. Report the specific sampling procedures performed including the total number of batch testing results from which a sample was taken.
  - ii. Confirm that the laboratory that conducted batch testing met laboratory certification/accreditation/recognition requirements referenced in the definition of "Laboratory testing" in 40 CFR 84.3.
- D. For each sample selected:
  - i. Obtain dated records of the detailed batch testing results, including instrument calibration, sample testing data files, audit trail files, and results summaries of both, sample test results and quality control test results in accordance with 40 CFR 84.31(b)(3)(xi), 40 CFR 84.31(c)(2)(xviii), 40 CFR 84.31(i)(4)(i), and 40 CFR 84.31(i)(3)(ii).
  - ii. Compare the composition of the regulated substances reported per the detailed batch testing results to the nominal composition of the containers as demonstrated by available records and the data reported in the HFC Producer, HFC Importer, HFC Exporter, HFC Reclamation, Fire Suppression Recycling Quarterly Reports to confirm that the composition of the regulated substances match the data reported to the EPA (i.e., do the batch testing results support the ratios and identity of the HFC on the label as reported to EPA).

S10-BT.B: We obtained the regulated entity's internal listing of all tested batches of regulated HFCs packaged for sale or distribution during the compliance period by activity type.

S10-BT.C.i: The regulated entity tested 12 batches of HFCs packaged for sale at their facility during the compliance period. Therefore, a sample of 10 batch testing results was selected for production activity. The regulated entity tested 1000 batches of HFCs imported for sale during the compliance period. Therefore, a sample of 5% of batch testing results was selected for import activity. 50 import batch testing results were randomly chosen for the sample.

S10-BT.C.ii: We obtained written representation from a responsible corporate officer that the laboratory that conducted batch testing met qualifications referenced in the definition of "Laboratory testing" in 40 CFR 84.3. The laboratory was certified under the AHRI Refrigerant Testing Laboratory Certification Program.

S10-BT.D.ii: We obtained all records listed. S10-BT.D.ii: No variances were identified. S10-BT.D.iii: No variances were identified.

iii. For regulated substances to be used as refrigerants, report	
if the testing results showed the HFCs or HFC blends did	
not meet the required specifications prescribed in 40 CFR	
<u>84.5(i)(3)(ii)</u> .	