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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Calculation of the Part 70 Presumptive Minimum Fee Effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027

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TO: Operating Permits Contacts
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The part 70 presumptive minimum fee rate (\$/ton) effective for the 12-month period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 is \$66.46. This fee rate represents an increase of 1.64654% (or \$1.08) from the fee rate in effect for the prior 12-month period (\$65.38). This increase is based on a calculation of the average monthly change in the Consumer Price Index (All Urban Consumers) for the 12-month period of September 2025 through August 2026 as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.¹

This fee rate is used to calculate emissions-based fees for part 70 permit programs that use the presumptive minimum fee for that purpose.² Note that many part 70 programs do not use the presumptive fee rate, so check with your permitting authority for the proper fee rates for your location. Also, the fee rate in effect for a given time period is the one normally used in fee calculations performed during that time period, regardless of the time period of the emissions data used in the calculation. For example, when annual fees are calculated in October of 2026 and they are based on the presumptive minimum fee rate, you would use \$66.46 as the fee rate, even though the emissions data would typically be from calendar year 2025.

For any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Sydney Lawrence at (919) 541-4768 or lawrence.sydney@epa.gov.

¹ Consumer Price Index data on inflation was unavailable for the month of October 2025 due to the lapse in government appropriations that began on October 1, 2025, and ended on November 12, 2025. As a result, the monthly index value for October 2025 was calculated in accordance with the BLS recommendation for missing index values, in which the missing data point is approximated by taking the geometric mean of the index values. The October 2025 index value was therefore calculated by finding the product of the index value for September 2025 and the index value for November 2025 and taking the square root of that product. More information on missing data points within the Consumer Price Index can be found at <https://www.bls.gov/cpi/factsheets/approximating-missing-data.htm>.

² For application of the GHG adjustment factor when determining the presumptive minimum fee, please refer to 40 C.F.R. § 70.9(b)(2)(v).