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Escalation Indexes for Air Pollution Control Costs

In September 1995, the EPA report, *Escalation Indexes for Air Pollution Control Costs* (EPA-452/R-95-006; NTIS # PB 96-1008 62) was installed on the OAQPS TTN. This report discussed why and how a set of air pollution control equipment cost escalation indexes (the "VAPCCI") were developed and presented index values for several periods, from first quarter 1994 through first quarter 1995 (preliminary). In October 1995, these indexes were updated through second quarter 1995 (preliminary). This first update also included equipment cost indexes for three more control device categories: electrostatic precipitators (ESPs), fabric filters, and mechanical collectors, the latter two indexes having been calculated from published Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Producer Price Indexes. A second update, in which the 11 VAPCCI were updated through third quarter 1995 (preliminary), was posted on the TTN in January 1996.

This third update consists of three tables. The first table revises the version of Table 11 included with update #2. This revised Table 11 lists *final* VAPCCI for third quarter 1995. The second table is a new table for the report. The new report table (Table 12) lists *preliminary* indexes for fourth quarter 1995. Both tables list indexes for nine control device categories.

The last table, the "Indexes Summary," lists the *average* escalation indexes for these nine categories, plus fabric filters and mechanical collectors. (Size-specific indexes were not available from the BLS for the latter two categories.)

The entire update is in WordPerfect version 5.1 format. Future updates will be issued as newer input data become available. For more information about these updates, contact: **William M. Vatavuk, ISEG/AQSSD/OAQPS, at 919/541-5309 (fax: 919/541-0839).**