New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY:

PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING


Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is proposing new rules and amendments at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8 and N.J.A.C. 7:27-22, its rules relating to permitting sources of air pollution. The Department is also proposing related amendments to N.J.A.C. 7:27-20, Used Oil Combustion. The proposal constitutes proposed revisions to the State’s Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP), and a copy was forwarded to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A statement of the substance of the proposal follows:

The Department is proposing several categories of amendments. First, the Department is proposing to amend its base fee tables and supplementary fee schedule at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.6 to raise its application processing fees to cover the preconstruction permit program’s operating costs for non-major facilities. The last non-major facility fee increase was in 1991. Second, the Department is proposing to amend its base and supplementary fee schedules for significant modification applications at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.31(r) and (s), respectively, to cover the cost of reviewing those applications for major facilities. Third, the Department is proposing to amend N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.31 to conform the fee provisions to the mandated fees in the Omnibus Fee Legislation of 2002 (P.L. 2002, c.34). As required by the Omnibus Fee Legislation, the Department has already implemented these fee increases starting with Fiscal Year 2003. The emission fees only affect major facilities. Fourth, the Department is proposing to require persons to submit electronically all permit applications (except renewals), registrations, and notices starting on January 1, 2008. Fifth, the Department is proposing to exempt from the permitting requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8 and N.J.A.C. 7:27-22 dry cleaning equipment that uses liquid carbon dioxide as the cleaning agent. Sixth, the Department is proposing additional amendments to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8 and N.J.A.C. 7:27-22, to make administrative and grammatical corrections, change payment and filing methods, and reduce from 60 to 30 days the time for payment of Department invoices.

The Department’s proposal will appear in the December 19, 2005 New Jersey Register. The proposal is now available for inspection, as described more fully below.

A public hearing concerning the Department’s proposal/proposed SIP revision is scheduled as follows:

Monday, January 23, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.
First Floor Public Hearing Room
Department of Environmental Protection
401 E. State Street
Trenton, New Jersey
This hearing is being held in accordance with the provisions of Section 110 (a)(2) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7410; the Air Pollution Control Act(1954), N.J.S.A. 26:2C; and the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B. Written comments may be submitted by close of business Friday, February 17, 2006, to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Alice Previte, Esq.
ATTN: DEP Docket No. 41-05-11/385
Office of Legal Affairs
PO Box 402
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0402

The following are options for obtaining a copy of the proposal/proposed SIP revision:

1. Visit the DEP’s website at: www.state.nj.us/dep/aqm, where the Division of Air Quality’s rules, proposals, adoptions and SIP revisions are available. The Department’s proposal/proposed SIP revision can be viewed or downloaded from the following url: http://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqm/whatsnew.htm.

2. Look for the Department’s proposal in the December 19, 2005 issue of the New Jersey Register.

3. Inspect the proposals/proposed SIP revision during normal office hours at any of these locations:

   DEP Public Information Center
   401 E. State Street, 1st Floor
   Trenton, New Jersey 08625

   DEP Bureau of Enforcement
   Northern Region
   1259 Route 46 East
   Parsippany, N.J. 07054-4191

   DEP Bureau of Enforcement
   Central Region
   Horizon Center, P.O. Box 407
   Robbinsville, N.J. 08625-0407

   DEP Bureau of Enforcement
   Southern Region
   2 Riverside Drive, Suite 201
   Camden, N.J. 08103

   DEP Bureau of Enforcement
   Metropolitan Region
   2 Babcock Place
   West Orange, N.J. 07052-5504

   Atlantic City Public Library
   1 North Tennessee Avenue
   Atlantic City, N.J. 08401

   Trenton Public Library
   120 Academy Street
   Trenton, N.J. 08608

   Penns Grove/ Carney’s Point Public Library
   Association
   222 South Broad Street
   Penns Grove, N.J. 08069

   Newark Public Library
   5 Washington Street
   P.O. Box 630
   Newark, N.J. 07102-0630

   New Brunswick Free Public Library
   60 Livingston Avenue
   New Brunswick, N.J. 08901

   Burlington County Library
   3 Pioneer Blvd. and Woodlane Rd.
   Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060

   Ms. Ellen Calhoun
   Library of Science and Medicine, Rutgers University
   P.O. Box 1029
   Piscataway, N.J. 08855-1029
4. Request a copy of the proposal/proposed SIP revision by contacting Ms. Edivia Molina of the Bureau of Pre-Construction Permits at (609) 633-2829, at Edivia.Molina@dep.state.nj.us, or by mailing or faxing the attached form.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS: For further information about the proposal/proposed SIP revision please contact:

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Please send me a copy of the NJDEP’s Rule Proposal to Increase Permitting Fees in N.J.A.C. 7:27-8 and N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.

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Organization: ____________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

Telephone: ________________________________________________________

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