

#### Seven-day-notice changes

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- A Seven-day-notice provisions at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.22(a):
- 1. Make any of the changes listed at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.22 (c) or (d)
- 2. Processing of Seven-day-Notice
  - The Department will attach Seven-day-notice to the Operating Permit
  - The Department will include the change in the next application for a renewal
  - The Department will "attach" Seven-day-notice in database and facility should keep a PDF of the submittal available for Air Enforcement
- Facility may make <u>at risk</u> a seven-day-notice change seven days after the Department's receipt of the notice of the change

Over the last 5 years, 41 Seven-day-notices have been submitted (not all qualified)

NOTE: Presentation does not address N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.22 (d) since it deals with "facility-wide permits" which are combined air, solid waste, and water permits, which are no longer issued.

 A Seven-day-notice change cannot be filed if the change would result in any of the following:

(N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.22(b))

- 1. Any increase in an allowable air contaminant emission rate or concentration
- 2. Any new air contaminant or class of air contaminant
- 3. A Minor modification (N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.23) or a significant modification (N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.24)
- 4. Less stringent monitoring, recordkeeping, or reporting than existing requirement
- 5. Modification under Clean Air Act (CAA) Title I
- 6. Result in the facility being subject to Title IV CAA (acid deposition)

#### What does classify as a Seven-day-notice change?

(N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.22(c))

- 1. Any reconfiguration to an operating scenario, provided as long as the information in N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.27 is provided and the revised operating scenario conforms with that section
- 2. Attachment of Emissions Trading Program
- 3. Revision to an Emissions Trading Program
- 4. Relocation of a temporary facility

Note: Seven-day-notices for (c)1-4 are rarely filed

- What does classify as a Seven-day-notice change?
  - (N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.22(c)5.) –Most Relevant
  - 5. Any change to a significant source operation that:
    - Is not already authorized by the operating permit
    - ii. Does not cause actual emissions to exceed allowable emissions
    - iii. Does not cause the emission of a new air contaminant not specified in the operating permit.

Seven-day-notices should not be filed for "Replacement in kind" of source operations

Seven-day-notices are generally not to be used for:

- 1. Changes to stack parameters
- 2. Changes to monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting
- 3. Inclusion of a new raw material or new type of material being stored
- 4. Changes to compliance plans

Examples of changes that have been made with a Seven-day-notice:

- 1. Facility authorized to process distillates (diesel, kerosene) and gasoline, proposes to increase allowable distillate throughput by offsetting gasoline throughput.
  - Distillates already permitted to be processed
  - No air contaminants will be emitted not already authorized in permit
  - Substituting gasoline with distillates will not result in allowable emissions being exceeded
- 2. Replacement of existing cooling fan blowers with more efficient cooling fan blowers which would enable actual processing rates to be increased during the summer
  - Cooling fans are in existing permit
  - No exceedance of allowable emissions or processing rates
  - No new air contaminants or raw materials

Examples of changes that have been made with a Seven-day-notice:

- 3. Replacement of a 3,000 pound activated carbon unit with a 5,000 pound activated carbon unit. Control device is used to minimize odors from a sewerage treatment plant.
  - No changes are being made to stack parameters
  - Monitoring parameters are not being changed.

- Seven-day-notice was filed to expand allowable pressure drop range of a baghouse
  - Determined not to be a Seven-day-notice
  - Ineligibility letter sent informing facility to file a minor modification
  - A permit violation would have occurred if facility proceeded with change prior to obtaining minor modification
- Strongly advised to call permit evaluator to discuss proposed Sevenday-notice prior to submission
  - Any Seven-day-notice change done at risk
  - A TEAMS meeting can be arranged to discuss change and best way to file for it
  - A discussion can lead to a consensus on whether notice is appropriate

NOTE: If the action is not authorized by a seven-day-notice change, minor modification, or significant modification, administrative amendment (N.J.A.C. 7:27-20.20) should be filed.

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