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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

AIR QUALITY, ENERGY, AND SUSTAINABILITY

DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY

Notice of Administrative Change and Announcement of Availability of a New General Operating Permit (GOP-002A) for Manufacturing and Materials Handling Equipment N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.14

Take notice that the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is announcing the availability of a new General Operating Permit GOP-002A for manufacturing and materials handling equipment each with a potential to emit less than the reporting threshold for each air contaminant for major facilities (subject to Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act). This GOP is replacing the existing general operating permit GOP-002, Small Emitter General Air Permit (SEGAP).

This new general operating permit is available beginning on April 15, 2019, and is being included in the list of sources at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.14(c) for which general operating permits are available.

GOP-002A allows for the construction, installation, modification, and operation of single or multiple pieces of uncontrolled or controlled manufacturing and materials handling equipment each with a potential to emit less than the reporting threshold for each air contaminant.

A general operating permit is a pre-approved permit to construct and operate for major facilities, issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.14, for one or more types of similar sources at a major facility. A major facility operator with a qualifying source may register for and operate under the conditions of the general operating permit, rather than submit a modification to the facility's operating permit.

The Department published notice of the proposed general operating permit in the August 20, 2018, New Jersey Register at 50 N.J.R. 1910(b), pursuant to the Air Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2C-9.2. The Department reviewed and evaluated the comments received, and is issuing GOP-002A as proposed.

This general operating permit is issued under the authority of N.J.S.A. 26:2C-9.2 and N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.

How to Obtain a General Operating Permit

To view the requirements of any general operating permit, go to www.nj.gov/dep/aqpp/gop.html. To register for an available general operating permit, click on the online application hyperlink under the general operating permit and follow the directions. For technical questions please contact the Operating Permit Help Line number at 609-633-8248.

Full text of the changed rule follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 27. OPERATING PERMITS

7:27-22.14 General operating permits

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) A general operating permit is available for the following sources:

[1. Equipment in which the combined weight of all raw materials used exceeds 50 pounds in any one hour, in accordance with paragraph 6 in the definition of “significant source operation” N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.1, provided the emissions of all air contaminants are less than the reporting threshold specified in the General Operating Permit. In determining the weight of the raw materials used, the weight of the following shall be excluded, in accordance with subparagraph 6ii in the definition of “significant source operation” in N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.1:

i. Air;

ii. Water;

iii. Containers, provided that the container is not consumed as part of the operation of the equipment; and

iv. Paper, metal, or plastic that is twisted, bent or folded, in the equipment, provided that the twisting, bending, or folding does not cause visible emissions or air pollution;]

1. Manufacturing and Materials Handling Equipment (GOP-002A);

2. – 7. (No change.)

(d)-(f) (No change.)