

(e) In addition to the information required at (d) above, an applicant may submit proposed methods to be used to determine the actual emissions of each significant source operation, for the purpose of preparing emission statements required for the facility pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-21. This is useful where a different method is more accurate than the general methods provided for in the guidelines for emission statement preparation.

(f) An application for the renewal of an operating permit may, at the applicant's option, include air quality simulation modeling and risk assessment for the facility or a portion thereof, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.8. Where a modification of the operating permit requires air quality simulation modeling, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.8, such modeling shall be submitted with the application.

(g) If an administratively complete application for renewal is received by the Department at least 12 months prior to the date the operating permit expires, the facility will be covered by the application shield set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.7.

(h) An application for renewal of an operating permit is subject to the requirements for public comment and EPA comment set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.11 and 22.12.

(i) Unless a facility subject to this subchapter is covered by an application shield pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.7, the right to operate the facility terminates upon the expiration of its operating permit.

(j) If an operating permit has expired, the conditions of the operating permit remain enforceable until the operating permit is reissued, except as provided in acid deposition control regulations promulgated by EPA under Title IV of the CAA.

(k) A permit shield provided pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.17 shall apply to an operating permit renewal approved by the Department.

New Rule, R.1995 d.493, effective September 5, 1995 (operative October 8, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 1040(a), 27 N.J.R. 3421(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.303, effective July 1, 1996 (operative August 2, 1996).

See: 28 N.J.R. 1147(b), 28 N.J.R. 3414(a).

In (d) added reference to DER generation.

Amended by R.2004 d.129, effective April 5, 2004 (operative April 25, 2004).

See: 35 N.J.R. 3486(a), 36 N.J.R. 1791(a).

Deleted (d)7.

#### 7:27-22.31 Fees

(a) The owner or operator of a facility subject to this subchapter shall submit fees to the Department in accordance with this section. The type of fee due, and the

amount due, will vary depending on the fiscal year, the amount of regulated air contaminant emissions at the facility, and the number of significant source operations at the facility. Table 2 below summarizes which fees are due for each fiscal year. The types of fees are:

1. Annual emission fees, set forth at (b) below;
2. Supplemental surcharge fees, based on emissions, set forth at (c) below;
3. Initial operating permit application fees, based on the number of significant source operations at a facility, set forth at (d) below; and
4. Modification fees, based on the number of significant source operations being modified, set forth at (e) below;

(b) Emission fees shall be paid by January 31 of each fiscal year, except for the emission fee for fiscal year 1995, which is due October 8, 1995. Emission fees shall be based on the facility's actual emissions during the reporting year which was two years prior to the fiscal year for which the fee is due. (For example, emission fees due on January 31, 2002, which falls in fiscal year 2002, shall be based on the facility's emissions in reporting year 2000.) If actual emission information on a source operation is unavailable, or an Emission Statement has not been filed for a source operation, the emission fee shall be based on permitted emissions, or if no permit has been issued, on the facility's potential to emit. Guidance on calculating actual emissions and potential to emit may be requested from the Department at the address in N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.3(t). Guidance on calculating the CPI for purposes of fee calculations can be found at (i) below. A facility's emission fee shall be calculated as follows:

1. For fiscal year 1995, the emission fee shall be \$25.00 (in 1989 dollars, adjusted by the CPI) per ton of emissions. (For FY95, \$25.00 in 1989 dollars adjusted by the CPI is equal to \$30.07.) The emission fee for FY95 shall be payable only on the following emissions:

- i. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, up to 8,000 tons;
- ii. VOC emissions, up to 8,000 tons;
- iii. One half the total emissions of CO; and
- iv. Emissions of all other regulated air contaminants, up to 4,000 tons;

2. For fiscal years 1996 and 1997, the emission fee shall be \$25.00 (in 1989 dollars, adjusted by the CPI) per ton of emissions, payable on the same emissions as for FY95 in 1 above, except that each facility subject to this subchapter shall pay a minimum emission fee of \$1,000; and

3. For FY98 and thereafter, the emission fee shall be \$25.00 (in 1989 dollars adjusted by the CPI) per ton of emissions, payable on all emissions of any regulated air contaminant except CO, and each facility subject to this subchapter shall pay a minimum emission fee of \$1,000.

(c) Supplemental surcharge fees shall be paid for FY95 and FY96 by all facilities subject to this subchapter. No supplemental surcharge fee shall exceed \$20,000 per facility per fiscal year. The FY95 supplemental surcharge fee shall be paid by October 8, 1995. The FY96 supplemental surcharge fee (excluding the excess, if any, payable under (f) below) shall be paid by January 31, 1996, and shall be based on the facility's actual annual emissions as reported on the facility's emission statement. If actual emission information on a source operation is unavailable, or an emission statement has not been filed for a source operation, the supplemental surcharge fee shall be based on permitted emissions, or if no permit has been issued, on the facility's potential to emit. The supplemental surcharge fee shall be calculated according to the following formulas:

$$(Q \times Te_s + (\$20,000 \times L) = \$1,500,000$$

where:

Q is the per-ton supplemental surcharge, expressed in dollars per ton;

Te<sub>s</sub> is the total emissions, expressed in tons, from facilities with emissions below the size threshold;

L is the number of facilities above the size threshold; and

The size threshold is  $\$20,000 \div Q$

For FY95, the supplemental surcharge fee is \$20.00 per ton, payable on all emissions of any regulated air contaminant, except for CO. The Department shall publish a notice in the New Jersey Register, stating the supplemental surcharge fee for FY96 and describing how the fee was calculated.

(d) The initial operating permit application fee shall be paid on or before the deadline for submittal on the facility's initial operating permit application, except for applications due on August 15, 1995, for which application fees are due October 8, 1995. The application fee calculation is the same for all fiscal years. The application fee shall be \$125.00 for each piece of equipment listed on the permit application which, considered singly, constitutes a significant source operation as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.1. However, no initial operating permit application fee shall exceed \$25,000.

(e) Operating permit modification fees shall be paid upon submittal of an application for a minor or significant modification, in accordance with (k) through (s) below.

(f) The Department will make forms available to use for submittal of fees. The Department may also provide estimated emission fee or supplemental surcharge fee calculations for individual facilities. If a person required to submit any fees pursuant to this section does not receive a fee form, the person shall obtain a fee form from the Department at the address set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.3(t), and shall submit the required fees by the deadlines set forth in this section. Any person submitting fees shall provide the information specified on the fee form. Backup information and calculations carried out pursuant to this section to determine the fee amount shall be maintained by the facility for at least five years after submittal of the fee, and shall be made available to the Department upon request.

(g) All fee payments required by this section shall be submitted to the Department by check or money order made payable to the "Treasurer, State of New Jersey," shall be accompanied by a completed fee form, and shall be submitted to:

Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Revenue  
PO Box 417  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0417

(h) On or before March 1, 1996, and annually thereafter, the Department shall prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature the report required by P.L. 1995, c.188, § 7 (N.J.S.A. 26:2C), which will include information on whether there is a need for legislative action to adjust the annual emission fee to adequately fund the operating permit program.

(i) The Consumer Price Index which is used to adjust the emission fee shall be calculated using the CPI-U data published monthly by the U.S. Department of Labor. The CPI-U data is re-published monthly in the Survey of Current Business, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce. The percentage increase in the CPI for the current year, relative to the CPI for 1989, shall be determined in accordance with the following procedure:

1. The CPI for 1989 is 122.15, representing the average of the monthly CPI-U for the 12 month period ending August 31, 1989;

2. The CPI to be used in calculating the fee for the current fiscal year shall be the average of the monthly CPI-U for the 12 month period ending August 31 of the current fiscal year. For example, the CPI for the fee which is due on January 31, 1999, for fiscal year 1999 shall be the average of the monthly CPI-U for the 12 month period ending August 31, 1998; and

3. The percentage increase in the current CPI relative to the 1989 CPI shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$i. \text{ Percentage Increase} = 100 \times \frac{\text{Current Year CPI} - 122.15}{122.15}$$

122.15

ii. Where:

Current Year CPI is the CPI determined pursuant to (i)2 above; and

122.15 is the CPI for 1989, pursuant to (i)1 above.

(j) To assist in calculations of the annual emission fee required pursuant to this section, the Department will annu-

ally publish a notice in the New Jersey Register in November of the fiscal year in which the fee is due, setting forth the percentage increase, for that year, of the current CPI relative to the 1989 CPI and the resultant per-ton emission fee for the year. The Department will calculate the percentage increase in accordance with the procedure set forth in (i) above. For the FY95 emission fee, which is due October 8, 1995, the per-ton emission fee is \$30.07.

TABLE 2  
SUMMARY OF FEES BY FISCAL YEAR

	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98 and on
Emission fee	\$25 <sup>1</sup> /ton on: up to 8,000 tons of NO <sub>x</sub> , VOC; ½ of CO emissions, 4,000 tons of all other RACs <sup>2</sup>	Same as FY95, except that all facilities must pay at least \$1,000	Same as FY96	\$25 <sup>3</sup> /ton on all RACs except CO, all facilities must pay at least \$1,000. No emission caps
Initial application fee	\$125 per significant source operation, up to \$25,000	Same as FY95	Same as FY95	Same as FY95
Supplemental surcharge fee	\$20 per ton of emissions of any RAC except CO, up to \$20,000	Subject to adjustment pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.31(c)	None	None
Modification fee	As set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.31(k), up to \$25,000 per application	Same as FY95, except that, for certain source operations, the fee is limited to \$500 per piece of equipment modified <sup>4</sup>	Same as FY96	Fees for significant modifications only, as set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.31(k) through (s), up to \$25,000 per application

<sup>1</sup> In 1989 dollars adjusted by the CPI.

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this table, RAC means regulated air contaminant.

<sup>3</sup> In 1989 dollars adjusted by the CPI.

<sup>4</sup> The limit for \$500 per piece of equipment applies to all source operations EXCEPT solid or hazardous waste treatment and disposal equipment, reciprocating engines, and fuel combustion processes with heat input greater than 100 million BTU/hour or that burn solid fuel.\*

(k) A permittee shall submit, as part of each application for a minor or significant modification of an operating permit, a modification application fee, not to exceed \$25,000 per modification, consisting of:

1. The base fee for application review, from the Base Fee schedule in (r) below; and
2. Any applicable fees for additional services, assessed in accordance with the Supplementary Fee Schedule in (s) below.

(l) In some cases, the supplementary fees due pursuant to (k)2 above cannot be determined at the time of the submittal of the modification application. Prior to taking final action on any modification, the Department will invoice the applicant for any unpaid fee due pursuant to (k) above. The applicant shall submit all fees to the Department within 60 days of receipt of the invoice.

(m) A modification application fee shall not exceed \$25,000 per minor or significant modification, and shall be assessed as follows:

1. For FY95, the application fee shall be that required pursuant to (k) above, and shall be charged for both minor and significant modifications;
2. For FY96 and 97, the modification application fee shall be that required pursuant to (k) above, and shall be

charged for both minor and significant modifications. However, for all but the following source operations, the modification fee shall be limited to \$500.00 per piece of equipment:

- i. Solid or hazardous waste treatment and disposal equipment;
  - ii. Reciprocating engines; and
  - iii. Fuel combustion processes with heat input greater than 100 million BTU/hour or that burn solid fuel; and
3. For FY98 and thereafter, the modification application fee shall be that required pursuant to (k) above, but shall only be charged for significant modifications.

(n) Consistent with N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.10(e) and (f), if an applicant fails to submit additional information on the application, requested by the Department, by the due date provided in the request, the Department may deny the application. In such a case, a new fee shall be due for any subsequent application.

(o) If the operating permit requires the Department to incur any of the following charges, the permittee shall reimburse the Department for the full amount of these charges:

1. The charges billed by a telephone company for the maintenance of a dedicated telephone line for the electronic transmission of data; or
2. The charges billed by a laboratory for analyzing audit samples.

(p) If a request for an approval of an environmental improvement pilot test or a general permit registration is related to an application for a minor or significant modification, it shall be accompanied by the applicable supplementary fee from the Supplementary Fee Schedule at (s) below, as well as the modification application fee set forth in the Base Fee Schedule below at (r).

(q) (Reserved)

(r) The Base Fee Schedule for modification applications is as follows:

Activity	Basis	Amount
1. Category I <sup>1</sup>	Per application	\$100.00
2. Category II	Per first new or modified significant source operation, plus Per each additional new or modified significant source operation, provided that identical equipment to be used in identical processes and using identical materials shall be treated as one piece of equipment (or significant source operation) for fee calculations.	\$500.00 plus \$350.00

Activity	Basis	Amount
3. Application for environmental improvement pilot test	Per application	250.00
4. General Permit Registration	Per registration for each new or modified significant source operation	250.00

<sup>1</sup> Should both Category I and Category II equipment and control apparatus be included in a single application, the new or modified Category I equipment and control apparatus will be subject to the Category I fee; and the new or modified Category II equipment and control apparatus will be subject to the Category II fee.

(s) The Supplementary Fee Schedule for modification applications is as follows:

Activity	Basis	Amount
1. Prevention of significant deterioration		
i. Engineering review	Per air contaminant	\$500.00
ii. Implement public comment procedures	Per comment period	\$500.00
2. Ambient air monitoring		
i. Review protocol	Per protocol	\$500.00
ii. Inspect monitoring locations and equipment installation	Per inspection	\$500.00
iii. Review quality assurance plan	Per plan	\$500.00
iv. Review data	Per report	\$500.00
3. Air quality impact analysis		
i. Evaluate protocol	Per protocol	\$500.00
ii. Review screening modeling	Per review	\$500.00
iii. Review refined modeling	Per review	\$500.00
4. Risk assessment		
i. Evaluate protocol	Per protocol	\$500.00
ii. Review risk assessment	Per review	\$500.00
5. Testing		
i. Evaluate source-specific testing protocol		
(1) Process materials testing	Per protocol	\$450.00
(2) Source emission testing	Per protocol	\$500.00
ii. On-site monitoring of sample collection pursuant to an approved source-specific testing protocol		
(1) Process materials testing	Per collection event	\$200.00
(2) Source emissions testing	Per performance test	\$500.00
iii. Review testing report		
(1) Process materials testing	Per report	\$200.00
(2) Source emissions testing	Per report	\$500.00
6. Audit performance of continuous monitoring system		
i. Evaluate protocol	Per protocol per permit	\$500.00
ii. Observe testing	Per protocol per permit	\$500.00
iii. Review testing report	Per report	\$500.00

New Rule, R.1995 d.492, effective September 5, 1995 (operative October 8, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 22(b), 27 N.J.R. 3472(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.493, effective September 5, 1995 (operative October 8, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 1040(a), 27 N.J.R. 3421(a).

Public Notice: Supplemental surcharge fee amount for operating permit facilities.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1562(b).

Public Notice: Air Contaminant Emission Fee and Reconstruction Determination.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4079(a).

Public Notice: Air Contaminant Emission Fee and Reconstruction Determination.

See: 32 N.J.R. 116(a).

Public Notice: Air Contaminant Emission Fee and Reconstruction Determination.

See: 32 N.J.R. 4478(a).

Public Notice: Air Contaminant Emission Fee and Reconstruction Determination.

See: 34 N.J.R. 782(c).

Public Notice: Air Contaminant Emission Fee and Reconstruction Determination.

See: 34 N.J.R. 4474(b).

Amended by R.2003 d.86, effective February 18, 2003 (operative March 24, 2003).

See: 34 N.J.R. 695(a), 35 N.J.R. 1059(a).

In (b), substituted "reporting" for "emission statement" following "during the" in the introductory paragraph and inserted a third sentence.

Public Notice: Consumer Price Index Percentage Increase and Air Contaminant Emission Fee.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5444(b).

### 7:27-22.32 Hearings and appeals

(a) An adjudicatory hearing regarding a determination made by the Department pursuant to this subchapter may be requested and granted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27-1.32.

(b) If a person does not have a right to request an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-1.32, there is final agency action as to that person when the Department takes final action on the application.

(c) If a person does have a right to request an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-1.32, there is final agency action as to that person when the Department denies the request for an adjudicatory hearing, or when the Commissioner issues a final decision on the matter, whichever is later.

(d) A person who wishes to appeal a penalty assessed for a violation of this subchapter may request an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to the procedures at N.J.A.C. 7:27A.

(e) The Department's failure to take final action on an administratively complete application for an initial operating permit, renewal, minor modification or significant modification, within the deadlines provided by this subchapter, shall constitute grounds for the commencement of an action in lieu of the prerogative writ of mandamus, to compel Departmental action on the application.

Amended by R.1998 d.231, effective May 4, 1998 (operative June 12, 1998).

See: 29 N.J.R. 3521(a), 30 N.J.R. 1563(b).

In (a) through (c), changed N.J.A.C. references.

### 7:27-22.33 Preconstruction review

(a) This section sets forth the procedures by which the Department will implement the preconstruction review requirements of N.J.S.A. 26:2C-1 et seq., as they apply to facilities subject to this subchapter.