

(h) In some cases, an application, registration or notice (and the issued permit) may cover more than one source. Determination of the number of sources to be included shall depend on how each source is vented or, in the case of batch processing operations, how the product is made or it may be based on another basis for a logical grouping, provided that this basis is approved by the Department:

1. For a single source that exhausts through one or more stacks or vents, the applicant shall apply for one permit;
2. For multiple sources that exhaust through a common stack or vent, or through common stacks or vents, the applicant shall apply for one permit to cover all these sources;
3. For multiple sources that each exhaust through an individual stack or vent, the applicant shall either apply for a single permit for each source, so that the number of permits will be equal to the number of sources, or shall apply for permit(s) based on logical grouping(s) approved by the Department; and
4. For batch processing operations in which two or more sources make up a process unit, an applicant may choose to include these sources in one permit application.

(i) Any person who is applying for a preconstruction permit or permit revision shall submit as part of the application, an NSPS and NESHAP applicability and compliance demonstration, if the proposed equipment or the intended use of the proposed equipment is within any source category to which any NSPS or NESHAP is applicable.

(j) If required under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.5, an application shall include a protocol for conducting an air quality impact analysis. The protocol shall include a risk assessment if one is required under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.5.

(k) An application, registration or notice shall, if required by the applicable form, list each air contaminant which meets either of the following conditions:

1. The source operation's potential to emit the air contaminant is equal to or higher than the applicable reporting threshold set forth in Table A or B in Appendix 1; or
2. The source operation may, under normal operations, emit the air contaminant in an amount which may result in noncompliance with the air pollution odor provisions at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(j) and N.J.A.C. 7:27-5.

(l) When listing raw materials on an application, registration or notice, the applicant shall list each HAP raw material separately. Each non-HAP raw material shall be:

1. Listed separately; or
2. Listed in a group of non-HAP raw materials with similar physical and/or chemical properties. If a group is listed, the group shall be sufficiently limited so as to allow

the Department to evaluate whether the source, using those raw materials, shall comply with specified maximum emission rates and applicable requirements. The grouping shall be approved by the Department.

(m) When listing the emissions for a contaminant for which emissions information is required under (k) above:

1. The applicant shall separately list emissions for each HAP;
2. Emissions for each non-HAP shall be:
 - i. Listed separately; or
 - ii. If the contaminant is a VOC or particulate, the emissions may be listed in a group of total VOCs or total particulates; and
3. If a source emits a contaminant that is both a HAP and is also a VOC or a particulate, emissions of that air contaminant shall be listed separately as a HAP, and shall also be included in any grouping of total VOCs or total particulates.

(n) In order to ensure timely renewal of an operating certificate, an application for renewal of an operating certificate shall be made to the Department on forms obtained from the Department not less than 90 days prior to the expiration date of the operating certificate.

(o) Any person submitting an application, registration or notice to the Department pursuant to this subchapter shall include, as an integral part of the application, certifications complying with N.J.A.C. 7:27-1.39.

(p) Any information an applicant wants the Department to take into consideration in making a decision on an application, registration or notice shall be submitted to the Department in writing prior to the Department's making a decision on the application, registration or notice.

(q) If the permit and certificate shall cover any of the sources listed below, the application, registration or notice shall also include a demonstration that appropriate odor prevention measures will ensure compliance with the odor provisions at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(j) and 7:27-5:

1. Sewage sludge treatment and storage equipment;
2. Municipal wastewater treatment equipment;
3. A landfill;
4. A municipal solid waste transfer station;
5. A composting facility;
6. Coffee roasting equipment; or
7. Equipment used for slaughtering, meat or shellfish processing, meat byproduct processing, or rendering.

(r) (Reserved)

(s) For a significant source included in any of the following categories, the Department has prepared permitting procedures manuals, which summarize certain alternative application and permitting procedures developed to take into consideration the specific characteristics of these sources. An applicant may elect, for sources in these categories, to use the alternative procedures, rather than the corresponding standard procedures set forth in this subchapter. The manuals are available from the Department at the address in (b) above:

1. Batch plants (see technical manual 1301);
2. Pilot plants (see technical manual 1302); and
3. Dual plants (see technical manual 1302).

Amended by R.1985 d.96, effective March 4, 1985 (operative April 5, 1985).

See: 16 N.J.R. 1671(a), 17 N.J.R. 587(a).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1991 d.109, effective March 4, 1991 (operative March 31, 1991).

See: 22 N.J.R. 292(a), 22 N.J.R. 593(a), 23 N.J.R. 723(a).

In (a), added application and information request address. In (b), stylistic change and reference to new subsections 8.14 through 8.23 added. Replaced (c) and (d). Added (e), (f), (g), (h), (i).

Amended by R.1993 d.129, effective March 15, 1993 (operative April 20, 1993).

See: 24 N.J.R. 3459(a), 25 N.J.R. 1231(b).

New subsections (j) and (k) added pertaining to air quality impact analysis protocol approval.

Amended by R.1994 d.502, effective October 3, 1994 (operative October 31, 1994).

See: 25 N.J.R. 3963(a), 25 N.J.R. 4836(a), 26 N.J.R. 793(a), 26 N.J.R. 3943(b).

Public Notice: Processing delays for temporary Certificates and renewals of five year Certificates.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3087(b).

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).

Rewrote the section.

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 31 N.J.R. 691(a).

Amended by R.2000 d.204, effective May 15, 2000 (operative June 6, 2000).

See: 31 N.J.R. 1671(a), 32 N.J.R. 1808(a).

Deleted a former (r); recodified former (s) and (t) as (r) and (s); and in the new (r), changed N.J.A.C. reference.

Amended by R.2002 d.53, effective February 4, 2002 (operative March 12, 2002).

See: 33 N.J.R. 3290(a), 34 N.J.R. 756(a).

In (b), rewrote 1 and 2; in (c), substituted "RADIUS or e-NJEMS" for "AIMS".

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).

Reserved (r).

Case Notes

Evidence supported air pollution control permit for resource recovery facility. Matter of Stream Encroachment Permit No. 12400, 231 N.J.Super. 443, 555 A.2d 1123 (A.D.1989).

DEP complied with all Federal and State statutory and regulatory provisions in issuance of Air Pollution Control Permit and Solid Waste Permit to applicant. In the Matter of NJPDES Permit No. N.J. 0055247, et al, 216 N.J.Super. 1, 522 A.2d 1002 (App.Div.1987) certification denied 108 N.J. 185, 527 A.2d 1390 (1987).

Pollution control equipment. Campbell Foundry Co. v. Sullivan, 119 N.J.Super. 51, 289 A.2d 801 (App.Div.1972).

7:27-8.5 Air quality impact analysis

(a) An application shall include an air quality impact analysis, conducted in accordance with this section, if:

1. The application is subject to PSD air quality impact analysis requirements set forth at 40 CFR Part 52;

2. The proposed maximum allowable emissions of an air contaminant would result in a significant net emission increase, as calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27-18.7, and:

- i. The facility for which the application is submitted is a major facility as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.1; or

- ii. The emission increase, proposed in the application for any air contaminant, by itself equals or exceeds the major facility threshold level which determines if a facility is a major facility for that air contaminant;

3. A State or Federal rule requires that an air quality impact analysis be performed; or

4. The Department determines that an air quality impact analysis is required for an accurate assessment of the environmental impact of the activities proposed.

(b) An air quality impact analysis shall include ambient air monitoring and risk assessment, if the Department determines that this is required for an accurate assessment of the impact of the activities proposed.

tration fee specified at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.6). This proof can be a certified mail receipt, or a copy of the Department's written acknowledgment, issued under (k) below. A registrant may continue to act under the general permit for five years after the date of the proof of receipt, unless:

1. A shorter term is specified in the general permit or the General Procedures for General Permits; or

2. The Department amends the general permit based on a change to a law or regulation in accordance with (n) below.

(j) The registrant is fully responsible for ensuring that the requirements of the general permit, the General Procedures for General Permits, and this section are complied with. If an owner or operator has registered a source under a general permit and the registration is incorrect or deficient, the owner or operator may be liable for penalties for acting without a permit or certificate. Examples of ways a registration might be incorrect or deficient include: if the registered source does not qualify for the general permit; if the registration was improperly completed; or if the registration did not include a key element such as required information or the correct fee.

(k) The Department shall send an acknowledgment when a registration, including the appropriate fee, is received. However, the acknowledgment only indicates that the Department received the registration, and does not mean that the Department has reviewed or approved the registration. Therefore, if the registration is incorrect or deficient, the Department's acknowledgment does not in any way relieve the owner or operator from liability for penalties for any unauthorized activities.

(l) A registrant shall operate within the conditions of the general permit. If the registration form allows the registrant to choose a particular option tailored to the source, the registrant shall operate the source within the parameters set forth in that option. Failure to operate within the parameters of the chosen option and within the general permit conditions shall constitute violation of a permit. If a registrant wants to make a change to a source which has been registered under a general permit, a new general permit registration is required, unless the changed source would remain within the class of sources which qualify for the general permit, and the source would continue to be operated in accordance with the parameters set forth in the option chosen in the registration.

(m) To issue a general permit, or to amend an existing one, the Department shall draft a new or amended registration form and general permit, and shall publish a notice in the New Jersey Register that these documents are available for review and comment. When the comment period closes, the Department shall incorporate any changes the Department deems appropriate. The Department shall then announce the final general permit, and add it to the list of sources in (c) above, through a notice of administrative change published in the New Jersey Register.

(n) If the Department changes an existing general permit, it shall notify each person who has registered under the general

permit. The registrant shall comply with any applicable new requirements as follows:

1. If the change to the general permit is required by a statute or regulation, a registrant shall comply by the date required for compliance in the statute or regulation. If the registrant cannot comply by that date, the registrant must stop operating the source or obtain by that date a source-specific permit and certificate which authorizes continued operation; and

2. If the change to the general permit is not required by a statute or regulation, a registrant shall comply by the date which is 90 days after the date that the notice was received from the Department or the date when the registration, whichever is later. Thereafter, the registrant shall comply with the changed general permit.

(o) A person who wishes to register a source under a general permit may obtain the registration form, the general permit, and the General Procedures for General Permits, at the address in N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.4(b).

New Rule, 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).

Former N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.8, Conditions of approval, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13.

Public Notice: Draft General Permits comment opportunity.

See: 32 N.J.R. 605(a).

Administrative change.

See: 32 N.J.R. 2081(b).

Added (c)8.

Public Notice: Draft General Permits comment opportunity.

See: 33 N.J.R. 590(a).

Administrative change.

See: 33 N.J.R. 1377(a).

Public Notice: Air Quality Permit clarification of terminology.

See: 33 N.J.R. 3221(a).

Amended by R.2002 d.53, effective February 4, 2002 (operative March 12, 2002).

See: 33 N.J.R. 3290(a), 34 N.J.R. 756(a).

In (c), substituted "propane, diesel or kerosene" for "or both fuels" in 3, and inserted "number 2 fuel oil or kerosene," following "diesel fuel" and added "or propane" in 4.

Administrative change.

See: 34 N.J.R. 2804(a).

Public Notice: Draft General Permits comment opportunity.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3415(b).

Public Notice: General Permit (GP-010) for Degreasing Operations Using Non-HAP Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs).

See: 35 N.J.R. 3966(b).

Public Notice: Draft General Permits comment opportunity.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5308(c).

Administrative change.

See: 36 N.J.R. 183(a), 184(a), 1790(d), 3076(a).

Public Notice: Draft General Permits comment opportunity.

See: 36 N.J.R. 3303(b), 3303(c), 3304(a).

Administrative change.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4511(a), 4512(a), 4513(a).

Public Notice: Small Emitter General Air Permit (SEGAP)(GP-016).

See: 36 N.J.R. 4544(a).

Public Notice: Draft General Permit (GP-015) for Non-MACT Plating Operations.

See: 37 N.J.R. 142(a).

Administrative change.

See: 37 N.J.R. 4436(a), 4911(a).

7:27-8.9 Environmental improvement pilot tests

(a) A person may seek approval for a preconstruction permit and certificate for an environmental improvement pilot test, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.1, of air pollution control equipment or other environmental clean-up equipment under this section.

(b) An applicant for an environmental improvement pilot test shall ensure that the equipment shall comply with all applicable requirements, and that the activities shall not cause impacts outside the property boundary.

(c) An applicant for an environmental improvement pilot test approval shall submit the application on a form obtained from the Department at the address in N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.4(b). The application shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.4, and shall include information regarding the planned sampling, analysis, equipment or processes, potential environmental impacts, the length of time requested for the test, projected emission rates, and any other information necessary for the Department to ensure that the proposed activities fit within the definition of an environmental improvement pilot test at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.1.

(d) The Department shall take final action on the application within 30 days of its receipt of a complete application.

(e) The Department shall determine the term of a permit and certificate for an environmental improvement pilot test approval on a case-by-case basis, but in no case shall the approval last longer than 90 days from the start of the actions covered by the environmental improvement pilot test approval. The approval may be renewed by application to the Department. The Department shall renew the environmental improvement pilot test approval only if the applicant demonstrates that continued testing of the equipment or process is needed, and that the proposed activities remain within the definition of an environmental improvement pilot test at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.1.

(f) The fee for an environmental improvement pilot test is set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.6.

(g) The holder of an environmental improvement pilot test approval shall keep records of product run time, emission testing performed, and other data relevant to the emission of air contaminants. These records shall be kept for a minimum of five years, and any relevant data obtained must be submitted with any future application covering the source.

(h) Upon completion of the environmental improvement pilot test, the equipment involved shall cease operating, or shall return to operating under the conditions of the existing permit, if any. An environmental improvement pilot test approval does not constitute Departmental acceptance of equipment or a process for future production purposes.

New Rule, 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).

Former N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.9, Reporting requirements, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.15.

7:27-8.10 Public comment

(a) The Department shall seek comments from the general public prior to making any final decision on those applications for which such comment is required by State or Federal statutes. Such applications include, but are not limited to, those applications which:

1. Are subject to the PSD requirements published at 40 CFR 52;
2. Must be submitted to the EPA for approval as revisions to any state implementation plan; or
3. Are subject to emissions offset requirements under N.J.A.C. 7:27-18.

(b) The Commissioner of the Department may seek comments from the public whenever the Commissioner finds a significant degree of public interest in an application, or whenever the Commissioner determines such comments might clarify one or more issues involved in the decision on the application. In determining whether to seek or accept public comment, the Commissioner shall consider factors relevant to the subject application and the applicable requirements. These factors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The extent of any emissions increase;
2. The impact of any emissions increase on ambient air quality, human health and welfare, and the environment;
3. The applicant's record of compliance with air pollution control requirements;
4. Any other air pollution control aspects of the application or facility which might make the application of particular interest to the public.

(c) The Department shall notify those who submitted a written request for public comment of the Commissioner's decision regarding their request. The Commissioner's notification shall be in writing, and if the decision is a denial, the notification shall include a discussion of the factors in (b) above, as well as a description of all other factors which formed the basis for the decision.

New Rule, R.1991 d.109, effective March 4, 1991 (operative March 31, 1991).

See: 22 N.J.R. 292(a), 23 N.J.R. 723(a).

Old section recodified to 8.6.

Amended by R.1994 d.502, effective October 3, 1994 (operative October 31, 1994).

See: 25 N.J.R. 3963(a), 25 N.J.R. 4836(a), 26 N.J.R. 793(a), 26 N.J.R. 3943(b).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.5 and 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).

Rewrote the section. Former N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.10, Revocation, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.16.

7:27-8.11 Standards for issuing a permit

(a) To obtain approval of a permit and certificate, a permit revision, or a compliance plan change, an applicant shall document that: