

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).

Amended by R.1995 d.205, effective April 17, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3922(a), 27 N.J.R. 1576(b).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.11 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. 7:27-8.6, Denials, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.14.

Amended by R.1999 d.428, effective December 6, 1999 (operative January 8, 2000).

See: 30 N.J.R. 4003(a), 31 N.J.R. 4016(a).

In the Base Fee Tables, changed Table 4 designation, inserted Table 4a designation and inserted Table 4b.

7:27-8.7 Operating certificates

(a) In order to operate a source covered by a preconstruction permit, the source shall also be covered by an

operating certificate, which authorizes operation of the source. The preconstruction permit application form also serves as the application form for the operating certificate, and the Department shall issue the preconstruction permit and operating certificate simultaneously, combined in one document.

(b) To obtain an operating certificate or a temporary operating certificate (see (d) below), an applicant shall follow the procedures for applying for a permit and certificate under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.4.

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(c) An operating certificate (except for a temporary operating certificate issued under (d) below) expires five years after the date the preconstruction permit for the source was issued.

(d) In some cases, the Department needs information obtained while a source is operating, such as stack testing results, in order to issue a final operating certificate. In such a case, the Department shall issue one of the following two types of temporary operating certificates:

1. A 90 day temporary operating certificate, which is valid for 90 days and may be renewed by the Department one or more times; or

2. A continuing temporary operating certificate, which continues in effect until the earliest of the following triggering events:

i. The Department notifies the permittee that the operating certificate has been converted to a 90 day temporary operating certificate;

ii. The Department issues a conventional operating certificate for the source; or

iii. Five years has passed since the issuance of a preconstruction permit for the source.

(e) The operating certificate shall be renewed prior to its expiration if the source is to continue to operate. In order to ensure timely renewal of an operating certificate, an application for renewal of an operating certificate shall be made to the Department at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of the operating certificate. An application for renewal may be submitted electronically only if the entire permit application is, or has been, submitted to the Department through AIMS prior to the submittal of the renewal application.

(f) Before renewing an operating certificate, the Department may require testing to ensure compliance with State and Federal air pollution control requirements.

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).

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).

Repeal and 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. 7:27-8.7, Approvals, repealed.

7:27-8.8 General permits

(a) A general permit is a pre-approved permit and certificate which applies to a specific class of significant sources. By issuing a general permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2C-9.2(h), the Department indicates that it approves the activities authorized by the general permit, provided that the owner or operator of the source registers with the Department

and meets the requirements of the general permit. If a source belongs to a class of sources which qualify for a general permit, and the owner or operator of the source registers for the general permit and complies with this section, the registration satisfies the requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3 for a permit and certificate.

(b) A general permit may not be used to cover a source which is subject to PSD requirements under 40 CFR 52.21, or which is subject to emissions offsets requirements under N.J.A.C. 7:27-18.

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

1. One or more tanks and/or pumps used for storing and/or pumping gasoline, diesel fuel, or kerosene, located at a single service station (retail or non-retail), if the station:

i. Receives gasoline, diesel fuel, or kerosene from a delivery vessel and puts it into a stationary storage tank;

ii. Transfers gasoline from a storage tank into a gasoline vapor laden fuel tank;

iii. Has Stage 1 vapor recovery equipment which complies with N.J.A.C. 7:27-16.3 on all gasoline tanks at the station; and

iv. Has Stage 2 vapor recovery equipment which complies with N.J.A.C. 7:27-16 on all gasoline pumps at the station;

2. One or more pieces of woodworking equipment, located at the same facility, where all air contaminant emissions from the equipment are captured and vented to a particulate control apparatus with a minimum removal efficiency of 99 percent;

3. A single boiler with a maximum rated heat input of less than 10 million BTUs per hour, combusting natural gas, number 2 commercial fuel oil, or both fuels (and no other fuels);

4. A single emergency generator which operates no more than 500 hours per year, and which has a maximum rated heat input that is less than or equal to 15 million BTU per hour (generating approximately 1.5 megawatts of electricity) when the generator combusts diesel fuel, or 40 million BTU per hour (generating approximately 4.0 megawatts of electricity) when the generator combusts natural gas;

5. A bulk solid materials receiving and storage system, which uses pneumatic or mechanical conveying, where all particulate air contaminant emissions are captured and vented to a particulate control apparatus with a minimum removal efficiency of 99 percent;

6. One or more pieces of enclosed abrasive blasting equipment, located at the same facility, where all particulate air contaminant emissions from the equipment are

captured and vented to a particulate control apparatus with a minimum removal efficiency of 99 percent;

7. A stationary storage tank which:

- i. Does not have a floating roof;
- ii. Has a maximum capacity of 300,000 gallons; and
- iii. Is used for storing VOCs with a vapor pressure within the applicable limit below:

(1) If the tank has a maximum capacity of 20,000 gallons or less, vapor pressure shall be less than 11.1 psia (pounds per square inch absolute) at 70 degrees Fahrenheit;

(2) If the tank has a maximum capacity of more than 20,000 gallons but less than or equal to 40,000 gallons, vapor pressure shall be less than 4.0 psia at 70 degrees Fahrenheit;

(3) If the tank has a maximum capacity of more than 40,000 gallons but less than or equal to 300,000 gallons, less than .75 psia at 70 degrees Fahrenheit;

(d) For each general permit, the Department shall provide a registration form, the general permit itself, and a document entitled "General Procedures for General Permits."

(e) The registration form shall include instructions for completing the form. The registration form shall require information identifying the registrant, identifying the source(s) which shall be covered by the registration, showing that the source meets the criteria for the general permit, and showing that the source will be operated in accordance with the general permit. In many cases, the registration form shall require the registrant to choose from among different options tailored to the source's size, operating characteristics, fuel used, and other parameters. Once the source is described or an option selected on the registration form, the registrant shall continue to operate the source within the parameters of the description and/or the selected option. The registration form shall require the registrant to certify the truth and accuracy of the information on the form. The certification shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:27-1.39.

(f) The general permit shall include all of the conditions and requirements which must be met in order to act under the authority of the general permit, including:

1. A description of the class of significant sources which qualify for the general permit, including an explanation of how many of each type of source may be covered by one general permit registration;
2. All requirements which apply to the source and which are satisfied by the general permit;
3. Any monitoring, recordkeeping or reporting requirements;

4. If applicable, standards the source must meet to comply with N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.12, State of the art; and

5. Citations to the laws or rules which form the basis for the requirements listed in (f)2 through 4 above.

(g) The "General Procedures for General Permits" shall apply to all general permits, and shall include instructions for the use general permits, a list of available general permits, and citations to regulatory provisions that apply to the use of general permits.

(h) Some general permits apply to only one source, while others may apply to a class of sources located at the same facility. Each general permit shall specify whether it applies to a group or to a single source. If a general permit applies to only one source, and if several sources at one facility qualify for that general permit, a separate registration, including a fee, shall be submitted for each source.

(i) The authority to act under a general permit begins upon the registrant's receipt of proof of the Department's receipt of the properly completed registration form (including the registration 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.

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).

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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:

1. Each significant source included on the application meets all of the following standards which apply:
 - i. RACT requirements under N.J.A.C. 7:27-16 or 19;
 - ii. NSPS requirements;
 - iii. PSD requirements under 40 CFR 52.21; and
 - iv. All other applicable State or Federal air pollution control standards, codes, rules, or regulations; and
2. Each significant source incorporates advances in the art of air pollution control (also called "state of the art" or "SOTA"), developed for the kind and amount of air contaminant emitted by the equipment and control apparatus, if:
 - i. The source meets the criteria at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.12(a); and
 - ii. The applicant proposes to construct, install, reconstruct, or modify the source.

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. 7:27-8.11, Service fees, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.6.

7:27-8.12 State of the art

(a) If an application proposes construction, installation, reconstruction, or modification of equipment and control apparatus which is a significant source meeting the following criteria, the applicant shall document state of the art (SOTA) for the source:

1. The equipment and control apparatus has a potential to emit any HAP at a rate equal to or greater than the SOTA Threshold in Appendix 1, Table B below; or
2. The equipment and control apparatus has a potential to emit any other air contaminant or category of air contaminant at a rate equal to or greater than the SOTA threshold in Appendix 1, Table A incorporated herein by reference.

(b) For equipment and control apparatus with the potential to emit an air contaminant that meets the SOTA criteria in (a) above, documentation of SOTA is only required for the air contaminant(s) that meets those criteria. Documentation of SOTA is not required for an air contaminant if the equipment's potential to emit that air contaminant does not meet the criteria in (a) above.

(c) Documentation of SOTA is not required for equipment and control apparatus that has, for every air contaminant, a potential to emit that is less than the levels indicated in (a) above.