

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health

FROM: Chris Schroeder, Air Quality Program Supervisor

DATE: September 2, 2014

RE: Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulation and Standards (LLCAPCPRS), Explanatory Statement for September 2014 Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health

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## **Short Description:**

The changes proposed by the Air Quality Program seek to address the following:

- Minor revisions for typographic, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization errors; implement minor formatting changes; expand on abbreviated terms; correct erroneous references; and spell out some numeric quantities.
- Removal of language and permitting requirements related to the 'Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD) and Title V Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule'.
- Incorporate updated ambient air quality standards to maintain consistency with Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) air regulations set forth in Title 129 of the Nebraska Administrative Code.
- Update the effective date of Federal Regulations currently adopted into the LLCAPCPRS. The new effective date for all adopted Federal Regulations will be July 1, 2014, which is the most recent date of publication of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This action will incorporate all revisions made to the affected Federal Regulations between the previously adopted date and the newly adopted date.
- Revise permitting requirements for emergency electrical generators to harmonize requirements with federal requirements.

## Detailed Description:

- **Article 1, Section 6- Fees**
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - Paragraph (A)(1) has been reformatted to put previously listed items 1), 2), and 3) into a list form consistent with that used throughout the LLCAPCPRS.
  - Paragraphs (A)(2)(b)-(c) are revised to spell out the numbers used therein.
  - Paragraphs (B)(2)(a)-(f) are reformatted to make fees easier for Department staff, as well as the public, to locate.
  - Paragraph (E) is revised to replace language regarding 'construction permit exemptions' with language related to an 'expedited construction permit'. The previously established fee of \$60.00 per generator remains effective. For more information on this change, refer to the explanation provided for changes to Article 2, Section 17, paragraph (O).
  
- **Article 2, Section 1- Definitions**
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - "Applicable requirement" paragraph (11) has been revised to make it consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations.
  - "Global Warming Potential" has been revised to incorporate revised federal regulations which change the 'global warming potential' associated with various greenhouse gases.
  - "Installation" has been revised to make it consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations.
  - A definition for "Premises" has been added to provide greater clarity to the meaning of the term, as its definition is particularly relevant to the requirements of Article 2, Section 32 of the LLCAPCPRS (Dust – Duty to Prevent the Escape of.).
  - "Regulated air pollutant" paragraph (5)(a) has been modified as a result of the U.S. Supreme Court's June 23, 2014 ruling on the 'Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD) and Title V Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule'. The ruling, which effectively vacated the 'Tailoring Rule', means that sources can no longer be a major stationary source only for greenhouse gas emissions. However, the court did find that greenhouse gases can still be regulated at sources that are already major sources for the purposes of PSD for an existing criteria pollutant if a source performs construction/reconstruction/modification that triggers a PSD significance threshold for an existing criteria pollutant.
  - "Regulated NSR pollutant" paragraphs (5)(a)-(c) have been modified for the same reasons discussed above for "Regulated air pollutant".
  - "Volatile organic compound (VOC)" has been modified to make it consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations, and to update the effective date of 40 CFR Part 51 to incorporate revisions made prior to July 1, 2014.
  
- **Article 2, Section 2- Major Sources: Defined**
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - Paragraphs (B)(2) and (H)(4) have been removed as a result of the vacatur of the 'Tailoring Rule', as discussed above.
  
- **Article 2, Section 4- Ambient Air Quality Standards**
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - Paragraph (A)(2)(a) has been modified to specify that the standard listed therein is the 'primary standard' for PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and newly-designated paragraph (A)(2)(b) has been added to incorporate the 'secondary standard' for PM<sub>2.5</sub>, both changes that are consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations. Previously-designated paragraphs (A)(2)(b)-(c) have been re-numbered.
  - Federal regulation dates have been updated to incorporate changes made prior to July 1, 2014.

- **Article 2, Section 5- Operating Permits: When Required**
  - Paragraph (A)(3) has been revised, and subparagraphs (A)(3)(a)-(b) have been as a result of the vacatur of the 'Tailoring Rule', as discussed on page 2 of this memo.
- **Article 2, Section 15- Operating Permit Modifications: Reopening for Cause**
  - The title of this regulation has been modified to remove the term 'Operating', as this section now contains permit modification language that applies to both operating and construction permits, which is consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations.
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - Paragraph (A)(1)(d) has been revised to replace 'permitting authority' with 'Department' to maintain consistency throughout the LLCAPCPRS.
  - Paragraphs (C)(1)(d)-(e), as well as previously-designated (C)(2)-(6) (which have now been re-numbered) have been modified to make their language consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations. In addition, the newly-designated paragraph (C)(2) incorporates minor modification provisions as applicable to construction permits, also consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations.
  - Several provisions set forth under paragraphs (D), (E), and (F) have been revised to make the language consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations.
  - Paragraph (G) has been modified to incorporate some formatting changes, as well as to make the language consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations.
- **Article 2, Section 17- Construction Permits: When Required**
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - Paragraph (A) has been modified to correct a reference. The previously-designated paragraph (Q) of Section 17 was redundant, as it simply referenced already-applicable requirements.
  - Under Table 17-2, the standards for sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) have been moved further down the table. There are no changes to the requirements.
  - Paragraph (M)(1)(d) has been modified to remove redundant language.
  - Paragraph (M)(4)(c) has been removed, as it was a blank line. All subsequent paragraphs under (M)(4) have been re-numbered.
  - Paragraph (N)(1) has been revised to accommodate the addition of the construction permit minor modification provisions to Article 2, Section 15. Paragraphs (N)(1)(a)-(e) have been moved from this section. Provisions set forth under paragraphs (N)(2)-(3) have been revised to correct references resulting from moving the construction permit minor modification provisions.
  - Paragraph (O) has been revised throughout to remove references to a 'construction permit exemption'. This change was prompted by discussions with the EPA in which they expressed doubt in regard to the legality of granting an 'exemption' from construction permit requirements, which are established under 'minor NSR' federal regulations. The provisions set forth under paragraph (O) have been revised extensively to remove obsolete federal standards and redundant language, to incorporate updated federal requirements, and to clarify the requirements with which owners/operators of such units must comply, as deemed appropriate by the Department.
  - Paragraph (P) has been revised to remove obsolete federal standards and redundant language, to incorporate updated federal requirements, and to clarify the requirements with which owners/operators of such units must comply, as deemed appropriate by the Department.
  - As previously stated, paragraph (Q) has been removed, as it contains redundant language. Previously-designated paragraphs (R) and (S) have been re-numbered as (Q) and (R), respectively.
  - Paragraph (Q) has been revised to specify which sources must pay annual emission fees.

- Paragraph (S) has been updated to correct the reference to the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations.
- **Article 2, Section 18- New Source Performance Standards**
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - Paragraph (A) has been revised to update the effective date of 40 CFR Part 60 to incorporate revisions made prior to July 1, 2014.
  - Some clarifying references have been made under paragraph (D).
- **Article 2, Section 19- Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality**
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - Paragraph (A) has been updated to correct the reference to the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations, and to incorporate revisions made to 40 CFR Part 52 prior to July 1, 2014.
  - Paragraph (E)(13) has been revised to clarify the language used therein.
  - Paragraph (J) Table 19-1 has been revised to remove the 'Significant Emission Rate' for greenhouse gases as a result of the vacatur of the 'Tailoring Rule', as discussed on page 2 of this memo.
- **Article 2, Section 20- Particulate Emissions: Limitations and Standards**
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - The requirements established under the previously-designated paragraph (C) have been moved into paragraph (B).
  - The newly-designated paragraph (C) has been added to incorporate language that is consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations.
- **Article 2, Section 21- Compliance Assurance Monitoring**
  - This section has been revised to update the effective date of 40 CFR Part 64 to incorporate revisions made prior to July 1, 2014.
- **Article 2, Section 23- Hazardous Air Pollutants: Emission Standards**
  - Paragraph (A) has been revised to update the effective date of 40 CFR Part 61 to incorporate revisions made prior to July 1, 2014.
- **Article 2, Section 26- Acid Rain**
  - This section has been revised to update the effective date of 40 CFR Parts 72, 75, and 76 to incorporate revisions made prior to July 1, 2014.
- **Article 2, Section 27- Hazardous Air Pollutants: Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT)**
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - This section has been revised to update the effective date of 40 CFR Part 63 to incorporate revisions made prior to July 1, 2014.
- **Article 2, Section 28- Hazardous Air Pollutants: MACT Emission Standards**
  - Paragraph (A) has been revised to update the effective date of 40 CFR Part 63 to incorporate revisions made prior to July 1, 2014.
- **Article 2, Section 34- Emission Sources: Testing: Monitoring**
  - Minor typographic, spelling, and grammar errors have been corrected throughout the section.
  - The header to this section has been reformatted to improve the appearance.
  - This section has been revised to update the effective date of 40 CFR Parts 51, 60, 61, 63, and 266 to incorporate revisions made prior to July 1, 2014.

- Paragraphs (B)(6)-(7), (C), (M)(4)-(6), (O), and (O)(2) have been modified to incorporate language that is consistent with the NDEQ's Title 129 regulations.