

# EFO Air Committee News

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June 2015

## **ODEQ Air Quality Council Meeting -**

June 10, 2015

TulsaTech, Owasso, OK

There were two proposed rulemakings heard, OAC 252:100-5 Registration, Emission Inventory and Annual Operating Fees and OAC 252:100-7 a new section on Permits for Minor Facilities. Both proposals were carried over to a subsequent meeting.

- A. OAC 252:100-5 Registration, Emission Inventory and Annual Operating Fees – AQD staff described this proposal as a “paper work thing” to satisfy EPA that any facility that emits 0.5 tons of lead would be required to report even if the facility could be considered a “Permit Exempt Facility or a De Minimis Facility for all other pollutants. Staff could not identify any facility that would fall under this provision. This proposal was continued to the next meeting.
  
- B. OAC 252:100-7 Permits for Minor Facilities – AQD staff described this proposal as a new Permit by Rule (PBR) for emergency engines. The proposal was changed just a few days prior to the public meeting from “emergency generators” to a more inclusive “emergency engines” therefore no final action could be taken. The proposed PBR is to address those facilities that are subject to Federal regulations and required to obtain a permit solely due to having an emergency generator. Staff explained that there are thousands of facilities including individual homeowners that have stationary emergency generators that are currently required to obtain a permit. The AQD hopes to greatly simplify the process by possibly exempting certain HP engines or just requiring a registration. This proposal was continued to the next meeting.

## [Proposed rules and rule impact statements](#)

**OZONE Presentation** – Beverly Botchlet-Smith gave a [presentation](#) on the current state of OZONE in Oklahoma and Federally.

**Director’s Report** – Village Green Project – Eddie informed the crowd that the ODEQ will be involved with the EPA’s Village Green Project which places park benches that double as air quality monitoring sites in areas where people tend to exercise. They plan on placing one at the Myriad Gardens and one on the OU campus. The monitors do not use federal reference methods and are for information only.

Eddie talked about the recent Federal Register [notice](#) on the “Start-up, Shut down, Maintenance” (SSM) SIP call which included Oklahoma. Eddie said not to worry. The EPA used a 1980 SSM SIP from Oklahoma and not a more recent SIP. Eddie indicated that the ODEQ will re-submit the SSM SIP with a few changes in the “Affirmative Defense” section. He said that EPA does not like an affirmative defensive. Eddie said that they expect to have a proposal ready for the October AQC meeting so that the rule can go to the DEQ Board and then to the Legislature next session so that the SIP call deadline can be met. He does not want Oklahoma to get a FIP.

Eddie then discussed the possibility of holding public training sessions on various topics. He said that several issues came up at the last Redbud Training session that dealt with permitting and enforcement, etc. and he realized that a public outreach is needed for smaller companies to know what the regulations require to be in compliance. Eddie asked for topics and suggestions to be submitted to the ODEQ and mentioned that EFO would be a logical partner.

The next Air Quality Council meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2015 at the ODEQ.

### Other Air Related Items of Interest

#### **FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES**

The Environmental Protection Agency [published](#) on June 3rd their determination that they have **completed their statutory obligation under the Clean Air Act** to promulgate emissions standards for source categories accounting for not less than 90 percent of the aggregated emissions of each of seven specific hazardous air pollutants (HAP) enumerated in the CAA. The source categories include many industries including: chemical manufacturing, gasoline distribution, industrial stationary IC engines, industrial / commercial boilers, municipal waste combustion, and petroleum refining, etc.

**Applicability Determinations**, Alternative Monitoring Decisions, and Regulatory Interpretations: Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, and the Stratospheric Ozone Protection Program. ([PDF](#))

**National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants:** Oklahoma; Delegation of Authority. ([PDF](#))

The EPA is [proposing](#) requirements that state, local and tribal air agencies would have to meet as they implement the current and future national ambient air quality standards (**NAAQS**) for **fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)**. The proposal is focused on the agencies but it makes comments in regards to the secondary formation of PM from sources such as oil refining and pulp and paper production, etc.

On July 17, 2014, the EPA published proposed amendments to the new source **performance standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Sector**. One of the issues addressed in the proposed amendments was the EPA's proposed definition of "low pressure gas well." The EPA did not take into account certain comments concerning this definition and is therefore [re-proposing](#) its definition of "low pressure gas well" for notice and comment.

A petition has been submitted to the EPA concerning the **Startup, Shutdown and Malfunction (SSM)** sections of certain states which includes Oklahoma. They objected to two provisions in the Oklahoma SIP that together allow for discretionary exemptions from emission limitations during startup, shutdown, maintenance and malfunctions. [Response to Petition](#)

EPA has released additional Enforcement and Compliance History Online (**ECHO**) **website** features, including a beta Air Pollutant Report and the option to search for facilities that have reported Risk Management Plans under the Clean Air Act. The Air Pollutant Report, which displays emissions data by facility from EPA's various reporting programs, is available from All Data and Air facility search results. [Complete Announcement](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency is [reviewing](#) the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide. The EPA will make available for public review the document titled Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide: Risk and Exposure Assessment Planning Document. This plan presents considerations and the proposed approach for conducting quantitative analyses of NO<sub>2</sub> exposures or health risks in the current review of the primary NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS.

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