NJDEP Adopts Correction to Air Minor Source Grace Period Determination

Who is affected by this correction?

Gasoline dispensing facilities that are required to perform vapor recovery testing.

What changed?

The New Jersey Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 7:27-16.3(i)1, requires Static Pressure Performance, Pressure/Vacuum Valve, Dynamic Backpressure, and Air/liquid volume ratio testing at gasoline dispensing facilities.

A violation of N.J.A.C. 7:27-16.3(i)1 would be a failure to demonstrate, through testing, that the facility’s vapor control system is performing properly. If the vapor control system is not working properly, emissions would not be detected. Failure to detect emissions undermines and impairs the goals of the Department’s Air Quality Program, therefore, making such a violation ineligible for designation as a Minor violation under the Grace Period Law, N.J.S.A. 13:1D-129.b(3).

This advisory provides notice that the Department has recently amended the Air Administrative Procedures and Penalties Code, N.J.A.C. 7:27A-3.10(m)16, to correct the designation of the type of violation from “Minor” to “Non-Minor.”

What should I do?

- Carefully adhere to your required tests and testing schedule in accordance to the conditions of your Air Permit and/or the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:27-16.3.
- Consider putting your station or facility on an automatic vapor recovery testing schedule.
- Have your test results ready for inspection at the facility.
Who should I contact with questions?

**During Business Hours:**
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Hazardous Waste and Underground Storage Tank Enforcement  
PO Box 420  
Mail Code 401-04B  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420  
609-943-3019

**Northern Region** - Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties:  
Contact John Olko, Supervisor at 609-851-7989 or email at john.olko@dep.state.nj.us

**Southern Region** - Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Salem Counties: Contact Len Lipman, Supervisor at 609-221-3996 or email at Leonard.Lipman@dep.state.nj.us

**During Non-Business Hours:** 1-877-WARNDEP (1-877-927-6337)

Where else can I get information?

- NJDEP Air Quality Management: [http://www.state.nj.us/dep/agm/](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/agm/)
- General NJDEP contact information: [http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl](http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl)

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