



Emergency Generators that have obtained or plan to obtain General Permit GP-005A or GP-005B

Who is affected by this advisory?

Any facility in New Jersey that owns or operates a stationary internal combustion engine permitted as an emergency generator under Air General Permits (GP) 005A or 005B. GP005A is for Emergency Generators burning distillate fuels and GP005B is for Emergency Generators burning gaseous fuels.

Why is DEP issuing this advisory?

Many facilities have selected zero or low testing and maintenance hours in their GP 005A and 005B applications. The hours specified for testing and maintenance in the permit application is your **MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE** hours that the generator(s) in the permit can be operated for testing and maintenance in a calendar year. The Department is concerned that facilities are selecting artificially low numbers where the hours of testing and maintenance are recommended by manufacturer specifications or by other authorities. Exceeding the maximum allowable hours for testing and maintenance would result in a permit violation with penalty assessments. This penalty may be assessed every day that the generator(s) are operated for testing and maintenance once the permit allowable is exceeded. The Department would like to encourage facilities to review their GP 005A and GP 005B permits and be prepared to re-permit the units with a higher limit, if necessary. The GP 005A and GP 005B testing and maintenance allowable hours can be set as high as 100 hours per year per engine. Total hours for testing and maintenance may impact the potential to emit for your facility thereby triggering additional requirements.

What is DEP doing?

The Department will be conducting inspections and will issue enforcement actions for all violations.

What should I do?

Review your Submittal Summary (pdf document that was emailed to you at the time you applied for the General Permit) of your current GP005A and GP005B permits to make sure you are satisfied with the maximum allowable hours for testing and maintenance. If not, obtain a new General Permit with a higher maximum allowable hours of operation for testing and maintenance before you exceed your limit. Instructions for obtaining a new general permit can be obtained at the following link:

<https://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqpp/gp.html>

COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

Who should I contact with questions?

NJDEP Air Quality Permitting	609-633-2829
Air Compliance and Enforcement - Northern Field Office (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties)	973-656-4444
Air Compliance and Enforcement – Central Field Office (Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties)	609-292-3187
Air Compliance and Enforcement – Southern Field Office (Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties)	856-614-3601

Where can I get more information?

The following web sites can be accessed for additional information regarding this advisory:

- Division of Air Quality Permitting Program website (for information about Air Quality Permits): <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqpp/>
- For general NJDEP information (Contact NJDEP): <https://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl>
- To comment on this advisory: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/survey.html>

This advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a department initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this initiative, please contact the Enforcement numbers listed above.