



# Perchloro-ethylene (PERC) Dry Cleaning Equipment Located in Buildings with Residences Must Cease Operation After December 21, 2020

## Who is affected by this advisory?

Any dry cleaner that uses perchloro-ethylene (perc) and is located in a building with a residence (also called co-residential location).

## Why is DEP issuing this advisory?

DEP is reminding affected dry cleaner owners/operators of the upcoming federal deadline for operation of perc dry cleaning equipment at co-residential locations. Federal rule 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart M requires all co-residential perc dry cleaners to phase out perc after December 21, 2020 [40 CFR 63.322 (o)(5)].

## What is DEP doing?

Existing permits for co-residential dry cleaners will automatically be terminated after December 21, 2020. Perc dry cleaners operating in co-residential locations after December 21, 2020 will be in violation with the federal rule and will be subject to penalty assessments and fines.

## What should I do?

If you are operating a perc dry cleaner at a co-residential location, by December 21, 2020 the perc and perc-contaminated waste should be removed from the machine and disposed of properly. Also by December 21, 2020, the perc machine must be fully disconnected or removed.

## Who should I contact with questions?

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| <b>NJDEP Air Quality Permitting</b>  | <b>609-292-6716</b> |
| <b>Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (for information on alternative dry cleaning options)</b>   | <b>877-753-1151</b> |
| <b>Air Compliance and Enforcement - Northern Field Office</b><br>(Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Warren, and Union Counties) | <b>973-656-4444</b> |
| <b>Air Compliance and Enforcement – Central Field Office</b><br>(Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties)                                      | <b>609-292-3187</b> |
| <b>Air Compliance and Enforcement – Southern Field Office</b><br>(Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties)                          | <b>856-614-3601</b> |

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## 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/>
- Specific rule containing the requirements: <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=97cdf163d24be8bd359c67f5b0772167&mc=true&node=sp40.11.63.m&rgn=div6>
- 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>

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