

## Testing and Maintenance Requirements for Emergency Generators

### WHO IS AFFECTED?

Any facility which operates an emergency generator with a rated capacity larger than 37 kilowatts (Kw) even if no air pollution permit is required.

### WHY IS DEP ISSUING THIS ADVISORY?

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is reminding facilities with applicable emergency generators when they can perform testing and maintenance activities on the equipment in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code 7:27-19.2(d). The prohibition from testing/maintaining Emergency Generators on certain days is designed to ensure that New Jersey's air quality does not get worse on those days with unhealthy air and helps protect the public from the harmful effects of unhealthy air.

### WHAT ARE THE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS?

Emergency Generators shall not be used for normal testing and maintenance on days when the Department **forecasts** air quality anywhere in New Jersey to be "unhealthy for sensitive groups," "unhealthy," "very unhealthy," or "hazardous" as defined in the [EPA's Air Quality Index](#), as supplemented or amended and incorporated herein by reference, unless required in writing by a Federal or State law or regulation. Procedures for determining the air quality forecasts for New Jersey are available [here](#).

### WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING IF TESTING AND MAINTENANCE CAN BE CONDUCTED?

Check the air quality **forecast the day before** the tentative Emergency Generator normal testing/maintenance date using the following procedure:

- **After 4:00 pm on the day before** the emergency generator will be used for normal testing/maintenance, the [Air Quality Conditions and Forecast](#) shall be reviewed.
- Read the "Forecast" column for tomorrow's date.
- If this column lists the air quality **anywhere** in NJ as **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, Unhealthy, Very Unhealthy, or Hazardous**, then you CAN NOT perform testing/maintenance activities the following day.
- Reschedule your testing/maintenance for another day.
- Remember to re-check the Air Quality Forecast **after 4:00 pm on the day before** the day that the Emergency Generator has been rescheduled to be operated for normal testing/maintenance.

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

<b>Division of Air Enforcement, Northern Regional Office</b> For counties: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Warren, and Union.	<b>973-656-4444</b> <b>AirCE-Northern@dep.nj.gov</b>
<b>Division of Air Enforcement, Central Regional Office</b> For counties: Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean.	<b>609-292-3187</b> <b>AirCE-Central@dep.nj.gov</b>
<b>Division of Air Enforcement, Southern Regional Office</b> For counties: Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem.	<b>856-614-3601</b> <b>AirCE-Southern@dep.nj.gov</b>

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of DEP requirements. 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.