Take notice that the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is announcing the availability of a revised General Permit GP-005A for emergency generators burning distillate fuels at minor facilities. The revised general permit updates the definition of “Emergency Generator” and the Facility specific requirements section (compliance plan) to include the operation of the emergency during construction, repair and maintenance activities (CRM) and to delete the provisions that allows the use of any existing distillate fuel oil with sulfur content greater than 15 ppmw (parts per million by weight) contained in the fuel oil storage tank.

This revised general permit is available beginning on September 16, 2019 and will be included in the list of sources at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.8(c) for which general permits are available.

GP-005A allows for the construction, installation, reconstruction, modification, and operation of a single or multiple diesel engines(s) which power emergency generator(s) and fire pump(s), and which only burn distillate fuel(s), with a combined maximum rated heat input to the burning chamber of less than 100 million BTU per hour (MMBTU/hr).
A general permit is a pre-approved permit to construct and certificate to operate, issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.8, for one or more types of similar sources at a minor facility. A minor facility operator with a qualifying source may register for and operate under the conditions of the general permit, rather than submit a case-by-case permit application.

The Department published notice of the proposed revised general permit in the July 1, 2019, New Jersey Register at 51 N.J.R. 1134(c), pursuant to the Air Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2C-9.2. No public comments were received.

The general permit continues to provide for inspections and evaluations to ensure conformance with all provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27. This general permit is issued under the authority of N.J.S.A. 26:2C-9.2 and N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.

How to Obtain a General Permit

To view the requirements of Revised GP-005A, Emergency Generator(s) Burning Distillate Fuels, go to http://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqpp/gp.html. To register for an available general permit, click on the online application hyperlink under the general permit and follow the directions.

For technical questions, please contact the Bureau of Stationary Sources Help Desk at 609-633-2829 or 609-633-7259.