



Fees Associated with Obtaining and Maintaining an Air Permit

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NHDES charges fees for some actions associated with obtaining and maintaining air permit applications and demonstrating compliance with Regulated Toxic Air Pollutant (RTAP) requirements.

The revenue from these fees support the development, implementation and administration of the statewide air permit program. There are four types of fees: (1) emission-based fees, (2) permit application review fees, (3) modeling fees, and (4) testing and monitoring fees. Not all sources or projects are subject to all of the fees. Some fees are recurring and on a set schedule (e.g., emission-based fees) and other fees are incurred only for certain actions (e.g., application review fees). The types of fees associated with obtaining and maintaining air permits, their applicability, amounts and due dates are summarized below. The full fee requirements are contained in Env-A 700, PERMIT FEE SYSTEM.

(1) Emission-Based Fees

Applies to holders of Temporary Permits, Title V Permits, and State Permits to Operate. The fee amounts are based on actual emissions from the source. The dollar-per-ton fee varies year-to-year. The fee is due annually on May 15.

(2) Permit Application and Compliance Demonstration Review Fees

The fees associated with applying for an air permit and/or having NHDES review an RTAP compliance demonstration vary based upon the type of permit or review as follows.

(2a) Temporary permit application review fee.

Applies to applications for a temporary permit for any source or device that meets any threshold in Env-A 607.01, except for sources that need a permit solely pursuant to Env-A 1400, *Regulated Toxic Air Pollutants* (see below for information regarding fees for RTAP reviews). Sources that already have a permit which requires paying emission-based fees are not subject to this fee.

The application review fee for temporary permits = \$2,000.

The fee is due upon submittal of the application for the temporary permit. The application is not complete until the fee has been paid.

(2b) RTAP compliance demonstration review and RTAP-only temporary permit application review fee.

Applies to new sources requesting that NHDES review their RTAP compliance demonstration and new sources applying for a temporary permit solely because they are required to obtain the permit pursuant

to Env-A 1400, *Regulated Toxic Air Pollutants*. Sources that already have a permit which requires paying emission-based fees are not subject to this fee.

The RTAP compliance demonstration review fee = \$500. No other review fee is required with a finding of "No Permit Required."

The application review fee for a temporary permit if a permit is required = \$500 (total review fee of \$1,000).

The fee is due upon submittal of the request for NHDES review of the RTAP compliance demonstration or application for the temporary permit. The application is not complete until the fee has been paid.

(2c) Major PSD, NA-NSR and NESHAP Application Review Fees.

Applies to applications for new "major" sources and modifications to existing "major" sources which are subject to Non-Attainment New Source Review (NA-NSR), Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and/or National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) requirements.

The PSD, NA-NSR and NESHAP review fee varies and is determined by the number of employee hours spent on the review multiplied by the employee's hourly rate plus all travel and public notification costs.

The fee must be paid prior to issuance or expiration of the associated permit.

(2d) General State Permit (GSP) for Emergency Generator Registration fee.

Applies to new sources registering to be covered under the GSP for emergency generators and existing sources re-registering under a re-issued GSP for emergency generators. There is no fee for applications to add or delete emergency generators to the list of emergency generators previously registered at the source.

The GSP registration fee = \$300 times the number of years, or portion thereof, remaining before the GSP expires.

The fee due upon submittal of the registration.

(2e) Permit by Notification fee.

Applies to applications for a new permit-by-notification. There is no fee for applications to add or delete devices to the list of devices covered by an existing permit-by-notification.

The permit by notification application fee = \$1,000.

The fee is due upon submittal of the application for the permit by notification.

(2f) Public Notice costs.

Applies to each application for a temporary permit, state permit to operate, or Title V operating permit. Notice of NHDES's draft decision on each application for a temporary permit, state permit to operate or Title V operating permit are required to be published in two newspapers (see Env-A 621.02, *Public Notice*). The applicant is responsible for either publishing the notices, or requesting that NHDES publish the notices. There is no fee if the applicant publishes the notices.

The fee for NHDES to publish the notice = \$15 plus the publication costs incurred by NHDES. The cost of the notices varies by newspaper and length of the notice. The cost for the publishing in two newspapers typically ranges from \$350 to \$600.

The fee is due within 30 days of the invoice sent by NHDES.

3) Modeling Fees for Initial Permit Applications

Applies to modeling reviews associated with applications for new sources applying for a Temporary Permit. Sources that already have a permit which requires paying emission-based fees are not subject to this fee.

The modeling review fees vary as follows:

\$2,500 for all devices subject to 607.01.

\$1,500 for sources that are only subject to the regulated air toxic pollutant regulations.

Discounted rates for applications that include consultant prepared modeling are as follows:

\$1,875 for devices subject to 607.01.

\$1,125 for sources that are subject to air toxics reviews.

4) Testing and Monitoring Fees for Temporary Permits:

Applies to testing and monitoring required by temporary permits and observed by NHDES.