ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BULLETIN #FY16-001

Subject: Clean Air Act Emission Standards

Reference:
(a) 40 C.F.R. Ch. I, Subch. C., Pt. 60, Subpt. IIII & JJJJ (New Source Performance Standards for Internal Combustion Engines).


Effective: Immediately


1. Purpose. To notify all Departmental personnel of changed or newly enacted environmental compliance requirements. This bulletin cancels and replaces bulletin #FY14-002.


In its mandate, the D.C. Circuit vacated the portions of EPA’s 2013 rule that contained a 100–hour exemption for operation of emergency engines for purposes of emergency demand response under the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) and the New Source Performance Standards (NPS) for Internal Combustion Engines. Delaware Dep't of Nat. Res. & Envtl. Control v. E.P.A., 785 F.3d 1, 18 (D.C. Cir. 2015).

On April 15, 2016, the EPA issued guidance explaining to its Regional Air Enforcement Managers and Regional Air Directors how it intends to implement the D.C. Circuit’s decision. EPA’s guidance noted that “[a]fter the issuance of the

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mandate, operation of emergency engines will be limited to emergency situations as specified in 40 CFR 60.421(f)(1), 60.4243(d)(1), and 63.6640(f)(1); maintenance checks and readiness testing for a limited number of hours per year as specified in 40 CFR 60.4211(f)(2)(i), 60.4243(d)(2)(i), and 63.6640(f)(2)(i); and certain non-emergency situations for a limited number of hours per year as specified in 40 CFR 60.4211(f)(3, 60.4243(d)(3), and 63.6640(f)(3)-(4).” EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Guidance on Vacatur of RICE NESHAP and NPS Provisions for Emergency Engines is available at https://www3.epa.gov/airtoxics/icengines/docs/RICEVacaturGuidance041516.pdf.

3. **Applicability.** Facilities that use: (1) stationary compression ignition internal combustion engines; (2) stationary spark ignition internal combustion engines; or (3) stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines. Refer to references in this bulletin and EPA’s guidance for details on applicability dependent on specific parameters associated with engine type and use.

4. **Requirements.** Refer to the references in this bulletin and EPA’s guidance for details on requirements dependent on specific parameters associated with engine type and use.

5. **Responsibilities.**

   a. **Office of the Secretary:**

      (1) The Office of Sustainable Energy and Environmental Programs shall provide technical advice upon request.

      (2) The Office of Space and Building Management shall manage compliance with this requirement at the Herbert C. Hoover Building.

   b. **Operating Units:**

      Operating Units shall manage compliance with this requirement at their applicable facilities.