



Air Compliance and Enforcement to Propose Grace Period Rule

Who is affected by this initiative?

Any person or business that is subject to the New Jersey Air Pollution Control Act, especially those who have obtained an air pollution permit or are required to obtain an air pollution permit as required by N.J.A.C 7:27-8.2(a), Permits and Certificates, or N.J.A.C 7:27-22.2(a), Operating Permits.

What is occurring that may help me?

The Grace Period proposal categorizes violations of the Air Pollution Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:27-1 et seq.) as either minor or non-minor. For minor violations, the proposal establishes a period during which compliance can be achieved without the threat of fines or formal enforcement action. The rule also outlines specific standardized procedures for regulating air pollution by further defining the penalties for non-compliance. The proposed grace period is intended to encourage compliance as well as foster a greater sense of cooperation between the DEP and the regulated community.

How can I participate?

A public hearing(s) concerning the proposal is scheduled as follows:

Friday, January 14, 2005, at 9:30 AM until end of comments.
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Public Hearing Room, First Floor
401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ

During this hearing, DEP representatives will summarize the proposal and offer an opportunity for comments. On the effective date of the rule, its provisions will be applied upon the discovery of any violations.

Written comments may be submitted by February 4, 2005 to:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Alice A. Previte, Esq.
ATTN: DEP Docket No. 27-04-11/434
Office of Legal Affairs
PO Box 402
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Whom should I contact with questions?

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Where can I get more information?

Visit the following Web sites for additional information:

Draft Grace Period Rule proposal: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/agm/curformp.htm>

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a department initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this initiative, please contact the Enforcement number listed above.