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NYSDEC Air Operating Permit Updates

Michael Emery

The DEC has updated its Air Operating Permit Program

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has updated its Air Operating Permit Program found in 6 NYCRR Parts 200, General Provisions; and 201, Permits and Registrations (Part 201), effective February 22, 2013. The last substantial overhaul of Part 201 occurred in 1996. These regulations apply to any entity that operates one or more stationary air emission sources in the State of New York.

To begin with, several minor changes to Part 201 were made as part of this update:

First, facility owners or operators still holding certificates to operate (Air 100's) will be required to submit a permit or registration application to the Department in an effort to update their facility information and ensure their continued compliance with current applicable requirements. This requirement will be phased-in to help mitigate any potential impacts on facility owners and operators.

Second, the Department modified the provisions of Part 201 for emission sources operating on a temporary basis.

Third, the Department made several minor changes to the cap-by-rule provisions in an effort to make them more efficient and easier for facility owners and operators to implement. Structurally, the cap-by-rule provisions in section 201-7.3 have moved to the minor facility registration section 201-4.5. The emission capping provisions used to accept federally enforceable emission caps have moved from section 201-7.2 to 201-7.1.

Finally, the Department revised the list of activities that are exempt from state

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Next Dinner Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013

Time: Cocktails Begins at 6:00pm with Buffet Dinner to Follow

Location: Greyside Grille & Flappy's Pub, 5700 Seneca Street @ Transit Road, West Seneca, New York 14224

Presentation: "Revisions to Part 201, DEC's Air Operating Permit Program"

by Mr. Chris LaLone, P.E., Chief of the Permitting and Compliance Section, NYSDEC, Div. of Air Resource

Cost: \$25:International Members \$25:Young Professional Members(35&younger)
\$30:Local Members \$35:Non-Members \$15:Full-Time Students

Contact for reservations by Thursday, April 18, 2013:

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permitting requirements. The changes were made to make the list more consistent with federal and state requirements and to add six new activities.

Several more substantial changes were also made as a part of this rulemaking:

First, the permit and registration application requirements were revised to require additional information that has typically been requested during the permit review process.

Second, the Department initiated term limitations for both new and modified air facility registrations and state facility permits. The expiration date on current registrations and state facility permits will not change, unless the permit is modified. Newly issued and modified registrations and state facility permits will be issued with a 10 year term.

Third, the rulemaking established mass emission thresholds and corresponding permitting requirements for facilities emitting one or more of the 62 persistent, bioaccumulative or toxic (PBT) compounds listed in subpart 201-9. The Department has concluded that these 62 compounds, which are highly toxic to humans and animals and have high rates of persistence in the environment, need to be more closely monitored, and where necessary controlled. The list of the affected compounds and their associated emission thresholds are now used to determine whether a facility needs to apply for and obtain a state facility permit instead of a registration. Accordingly, some existing registered facilities may be required to upgrade to a state facility permit if their annual actual emissions of one or more of the listed compounds exceed the listed threshold.

Mr. Chris LaLone, P.E., Chief of the Permitting and Compliance Section in the Division of Air Resources will present the changes to Part 201 at our April 25, 2013 meeting. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the recent changes to the air permitting program. More information can also be found on the DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/88893.html>

A Message from the Membership Committee

Paul VanKerkhove

The A&WMA-NFS's 2012-2013 program year is well underway. International members will continue to renew memberships one year after their previous renewal. Member applications can also be downloaded from www.awmanfs.org. Applications can be mailed or brought to the next A&WMA-NFS meeting.

The A&WMA-NFS Board of Directors hopes that all renewing members will consider having their company/organization become a corporate sponsorship of A&WMA-NFS. Corporate sponsorships are important to A&WMA-NFS as they provide crucial funding to Earth Day grants, DEC Camp scholarships, and college scholarships. Your company would also be recognized in the monthly dinner meeting announcements and at the annual awards banquet. With a corporate sponsorship, your company would be entitled to an International A&WMA membership for one person and a local A&WMA-NFS membership for a second person. The added benefits of an International A&WMA membership are further described in the renewal application.

We appreciate your continued membership with A&WMA. Please feel to contact Paul Van Kerkhove (716-886-7045 or pvankerkhove@ene.com) with questions or comments regarding your membership.

Scholarship & Grant Update**Dave Copeland**

The Earth Day Grant Program had another great year. We were able to award funding for 5 very great projects.

The following is a summary of the projects we awarded.

- 1) \$200 to the Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District as seed money to help fund the **Erie County Envirothon** which is an annual outdoor environmental program open to all high school students in Erie County and is presented in two parts. Workshop Day on March 26th and Competition Day on April 25th at the Village Green Center in Elam NY
- 2) \$300 to Cardinal O'Hare High School for "**Garden Planting and Science Afloat**". \$50 of the funding went towards seeds and peat moss for their gardens they put in previous years with Earth Day Grant money and the remainder went towards helping to supplement a unique educational opportunity called "Science Afloat". Students learn topics relevant to the Great Lakes' unique and delicate ecosystem while on board the 73' Schooner "Spirit of Buffalo". The program is sponsored by Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education. More information, can be found on their website www.buoe.org/science-afloat.asp. An interesting aspect of this funding request is that they only wanted to partially fund the trip with grant money to keep the costs reasonable for the students but they wanted to ensure the students paid some also to ensure they felt vested in the trip.
- 3) \$325 to Stanley G Falk School (Ressler Location) for "**Gardening for Change**" to start up a garden similar to one that their sister school has started up three years ago. Stanley G Falk School is an approved NYS Education Department Special Day School that provides educational programming for students from 5-21 years old that have special learning, social and emotional needs.
- 4) \$325 to Stanley G Falk School (Cambridge Location) for "**Urban Garden Take 3**" – This is the third year of their very successful program. The first year was to obtain supplies needed, the next year was to build a greenhouse and this year is to get better soil for the area because the area they have is mostly clay and causing them some gardening issues.
- 5) \$300 to the JFK Environmental Club at JFK High School for their "**Lights Out Program**" for better communication of energy conservation at the school in keeping lights off when not needed

A&WMA Thank You...**Michele Pratt**

Below is a thank you note received by A&WMA from the River Keepers for speaking at the February 2013 meeting. Thank you Matt Mattison of the Buffalo River Keepers.

Ms. PRATT AND WNY A&WMA,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INVITING BUFFALO NIAGARA RIVERKEEPER AND THE BUFFALO URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORP. TO PRESENT OUR RIVERBEND HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. IT WAS AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR MEETING AND PRESENT ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECT. THE FOOD WAS DELICIOUS AND THE GROUP'S MEMBERS WERE VERY FRIENDLY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE A&WMA IN THE FUTURE.

APPRECIATIVELY,
MATT MATTISON

Future City**Hal Pierce****FUTURE CITY – TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2013**

The AWMA 2013 ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION PREVENTION AWARD was presented to:
St. Christopher School for its city – Heliopolis

This school was picked by judges – Rick Allen, Gary LaLiberty, and Hal Pierce - at this year's annual Future City Competition and Award Ceremony held at Mount Saint Mary Academy on January 19.

The winning school planted Duckweed on the outside of their buildings to remove pollution from the air. The duckweed can then be either used as a fertilizer or as a Bio-feed for livestock. Their buildings had roof gardens. Storm water was filtered and reused for Sanitary purposes. Beneath the roads they installed Nano Membranes and used Bacteria to remove Pollution. They had electric folding cars to take up less space. They had a Waste-to-Energy plant

The workmanship of the exhibit was excellent and all students participated in the presentation.

Envirun**Dharma Iyer****A&WMA's 23RD ENVIRUN 5K – SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013****10:30 AM @ Goat Island – Niagara Falls, N.Y.**

Two more weeks until AWMA-NFS's 23rd annual 5K run for the environment - one of the most scenic and oldest continuously run 5K races in Western New York. Enjoy a lovely Saturday morning with us. ENVIRUN 5K is a USATF sanctioned and certified race was started in 1991 as part of local Earth Day festivities. The race is held in cooperation with the New York State Office of Parks and Recreation and a number of local sponsors including Waste Management, NRG, Willcare and Allied Waste Services.

Sponsors can contribute at the \$100 (Bronze), \$250 (Silver), \$500 (Gold), \$1000 (Platinum) or \$2500 (Diamond) levels – sponsors receive a race cap, t-shirt or jacket, and recognized on the race application. We also need volunteers to help with registration, food, water, race course and post race awards party. If you are interested in helping in anyway please contact Dharma Iyer at iegpllc@aol.com or 662-4157.

The proceeds from the race benefit local environmental programs, projects and organizations. 2011 proceeds went to the Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center for the Garlic Mustard Challenge, a program designed to eradicate this invasive plant species. Past recipients of Envirun funding awards include the Gateway-Longview, WNY Land Conservancy, the Botanical Gardens, Primate Sanctuary, River Keepers, Olmstead Parks, the Buffalo Museum of Science, Tiffit Farm and Buffalo Zoo.

Race registration is \$20 through April 18, and \$25 day of race; students \$15. Walkers are welcome. Race registration will be available at www.active.com and applications will be available at www.awmanfs.org. Contact Dharma Iyer (445-9684 or iegpllc@aol.com) or Mike Emery (memery289@gmail.com) for more info.

Dinner Program Update - 2013**Michele Pratt**

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| April 25, 2013 – | “Revisions to Part 201, DEC’s Air Operating Permit Program” by Mr. Chris LaLone, P.E., Chief of the Permitting and Compliance Section, NYSDEC, Div. of Air Resource at the Greyside Grille & Flappy’s Pub, 5700 Seneca Street @ Transit Road, West Seneca, New York 14224 |
| May 2013 – | Scholarship Awards Dinner TBD |

*Any ideas for topics or venues please contact Michele Pratt @ mpratt@republicservices.com

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