

Ohio Air Permit Streamlining

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Why Streamline?

- Ohio EPA/industry workgroup conclusion = too many permits!!
- Reduce permits for small sources, process other permits faster
- With reduced resources, Ohio EPA can focus on larger sources and inspections

2 Strategies for permit workload reduction:

- Make General Permits available (Ohio didn't have these before)
- Create more Permit-by-Rules (PBR)

What is a General Permit?

- Template permit, already done
- Company can review first, then apply for
- Permit conditions can't be changed – “take it or leave it”
- Much shorter (45 day) processing time
- Shorter application, no emission calcs.

New General Permits

Done:

Boilers (14)

Dry cleaners (2)

Coming soon:

Asphalt plants (11)

Fugitive dust sources (8)

Concrete plants (2)

Metal painting (7)

What is a Permit-by-Rule?

- Replaces paper permits (installation and operating permits)
- Lists all operating conditions, emissions limits, record keeping in rule
- No permit fees
- Requires notification and exceedance reporting

New Ohio PBRs:

Auto body shops:

- 2 or less paint booths, < 50 jobs/week
- HVLP/electrostatic spray
- stack requirements, waste minimization

Gas stations (2 types):

- with Stage I controls, <3.8 MM gal/yr
- with Stage I & II controls, <16 MM gal/yr

New Ohio PBR's

Gas-fired boilers/heaters:

- natural gas only, up to 100 MM Btu/hr
- > 50 MM Btu/hr = low-NOx burners

Small printing facility (10 tpy VOC):

- material usage thresholds per printing type

Midsized printing facility (25 tpy VOC)

- material usage thresholds per printing type
- low v.p. cleaning solvents

How the SBAP is involved:

- SBAP wrote the PBR language and is processing rule package
- Designing PBR forms and outreach materials
- PBR sources will still need SBAP assistance
- New PBRs could reduce permit workload by 20%.

For more info:

General Permits:

www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/genpermit/genpermits.html

Permit-by-Rules:

www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/regs/regs.html

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