

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
CHAPTER 100. AIR POLLUTION CONTROL**

**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**252:100-1-3. Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise or unless defined specifically for a Subchapter, section, or subsection in the Subchapter, section, or subsection.

**"Act"** means the Federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.

**"Administrator"** means, unless specifically defined otherwise, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the Administrator's designee.

**"Air contaminant source"** means any and all sources of emission of air contaminants (pollutants), whether privately or publicly owned or operated, or person contributing to emission of air contaminants. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this term includes all types of business, commercial and industrial plants, works, shops and stores, heating and power plants or stations, buildings and other structures of all types.

**"Air pollution abatement operation"** means any operation which has as its essential purpose a significant reduction in:

- (A) the emission of air contaminants, or
- (B) the effect of such emission.

**"Air pollution episode"** means high levels of air pollution existing for an extended period (24 hours or more) of time which may cause acute harmful health effects during periods of atmospheric stagnation, without vertical or horizontal ventilation. This occurs when there is a high pressure air mass over an area, a low wind speed and there is a temperature inversion. Other factors such as humidity may also affect the episode conditions.

**"Ambient air standards"** or **"Ambient air quality standards"** means levels of air quality as codified in OAC 252:100-3.

**"Atmosphere"** means the air that envelops or surrounds the earth.

**"Best available control technology"** or **"BACT"** means the best control technology that is currently available as determined by the Director on a case-by-case basis, taking into account energy, environmental, and economic impacts and other costs of alternative control systems.

**"Building, structure, facility, or installation"** means:

(A) all of the pollutant-emitting activities which belong to the same industrial grouping, are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties, and are under the control of the same person (or persons under common control). Pollutant-emitting activities shall be considered as part of the same industrial grouping if they belong to the same "Major Group" (i.e., which have the same two-digit code) as described in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1972, as amended by the 1977 Supplement.

(B) notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A), for onshore activities under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Major Group 13: Oil and Gas Extraction, all of the pollutant-emitting activities included in Major Group 13 that are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties, and are under the control of the same person (or persons under common control). Pollutant emitting activities shall be considered adjacent if they are located on the same surface site; or if they are located on surface sites that are located within 1/4 mile of one another (measured from the center of the equipment on the surface

site) and they share equipment. Shared equipment includes, but is not limited to, produced fluids storage tanks, phase separators, natural gas dehydrators, or emissions control devices. Surface site, as used in this definition, has the same meaning as in 40 CFR 63.761.

**"Carbon dioxide equivalent emissions"** or **"CO<sub>2</sub>e"** means an amount of GHG emitted, and shall be computed by multiplying the mass amount of emissions, for each of the six greenhouse gases in the pollutant GHG, by the gas' associated global warming potential (GWP) published in Table A-1 to subpart A of 40 CFR Part 98 - Global Warming Potentials, and summing the resultant value for each to compute a CO<sub>2</sub>e.

**"Catalytic cracking unit"** means a unit composed of a reactor, regenerator and fractionating towers which is used to convert certain petroleum fractions into more valuable products by passing the material through or commingled with a bed of catalyst in the reactor. Coke deposits produced on the catalyst during cracking are removed by burning off in the regenerator.

**"Combustible materials"** means any substance which will readily burn and shall include those substances which, although generally considered incombustible, are or may be included in the mass of the material burned or to be burned.

**"Commence"** means, unless specifically defined otherwise, that the owner or operator of a facility to which neither a NSPS or NESHAP applies has begun the construction or installation of the emitting units on a pad or in the final location at the facility.

**"Commencement of operation"** or **"commencing operation"** means the owner or operator of the stationary source has begun, or caused to begin, emitting a regulated air pollutant from any activity for which the stationary source is designed and/or permitted.

**"Complete"** means in reference to an application for a permit, the application contains all the information necessary for processing the application. Designating an application complete for purposes of permit processing does not preclude the Director from requesting or accepting any additional information.

**"Construction"** means, unless specifically defined otherwise, fabrication, erection, or installation of a source.

**"Crude oil"** means a naturally occurring hydrocarbon mixture which is a liquid at standard conditions. It may contain sulfur, nitrogen and/or oxygen derivatives of hydrocarbon.

**"Direct fired"** means that the hot gasses produced by the flame or heat source come into direct contact with the material being processed or heated.

**"Division"** means Air Quality Division, Oklahoma State Department of Environmental Quality.

**"Dust"** means solid particulate matter released into or carried in the air by natural forces, by any fuel-burning, combustion, process equipment or device, construction work, mechanical or industrial processes.

**"EPA"** means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**"Excess emissions"** means the emission of regulated air pollutants in excess of an applicable limitation or requirement as specified in the applicable limiting Subchapter, permit, or order of the DEQ. This term does not include fugitive VOC emissions covered by an existing leak detection and repair program that is required by a federal or state regulation.

**"Existing source"** means, unless specifically defined otherwise, an air contaminant source which is in being on the effective date of the appropriate Subchapter, section, or paragraph of these rules.

**"Facility"** means all of the pollutant-emitting activities that meet all the following conditions:

- (A) Are under common control.

(B) Are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties.

(C) Have the same two-digit primary SIC Code (as described in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987).

**"Federally enforceable"** means all limitations and conditions which are enforceable by the Administrator, including those requirements developed pursuant to 40 CFR Parts 60 and 61, requirements within any applicable State implementation plan, any permit requirements established pursuant to 40 CFR 52.21 or under regulations approved pursuant to 40 CFR Part 51, subpart I, including operating permits issued under an EPA-approved program that is incorporated into the State implementation plan and expressly requires adherence to any permit issued under such program.

**"Fossil fuel"** means natural gas, petroleum, coal, or any form of solid, liquid, or gaseous fuel derived from such material.

**"Fuel-burning equipment"** means any one or more of boilers, furnaces, gas turbines or other combustion devices and all appurtenances thereto used to convert fuel or waste to usable heat or power.

**"Fugitive dust"** means solid airborne particulate matter emitted from any source other than a stack or chimney.

**"Fugitive emissions"** means, unless specifically defined otherwise, those emissions which could not reasonably pass through a stack, chimney, vent, or other functionally equivalent opening.

**"Fume"** means minute solid particles generated by the condensation of vapors to solid matter after volatilization from the molten state, or generated by sublimation, distillation, calcination, or chemical reaction when these processes create airborne particles.

**"Garbage"** means all putrescible animal and vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

**"Greenhouse gas"** or **"GHG"** means the air pollutant defined in 40 CFR § 86.1818-12(a) as the aggregate group of six greenhouse gases: carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>).

**"Gross particulate matter"** or **"GPM"** means particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter greater than 10 micrometers.

**"In being"** means as used in the definitions of New Installation and Existing Source that an owner or operator has undertaken a continuous program of construction or modification or the owner or operator has entered into a binding agreement or contractual obligation to undertake and complete within a reasonable time a continuous program of construction or modification prior to the compliance date for installation as specified by the applicable regulation.

**"Incinerator"** means a combustion device specifically designed for the destruction, by high temperature burning, of solid, semi-solid, liquid, or gaseous combustible wastes and from which the solid residues contain little or no combustible material.

**"Indirect fired"** means that the hot gasses produced by the flame or heat source do not come into direct contact with the material, excluding air, being processed or heated.

**"Installation"** means an identifiable piece of process equipment.

**"Lowest achievable emissions rate"** or **"LAER"** means, for any source, the more stringent rate of emissions based on paragraphs (A) and (B) of this definition. This limitation, when applied to a modification, means the lowest achievable emissions rate for the new or modified emissions units within a stationary source. In no event shall the application of LAER allow a proposed new or modified stationary source to emit any pollutant in excess of the amount allowable under applicable standard of performance for the new source.

(A) LAER means the most stringent emissions limitation which is contained in the implementation plan of any State for such class or category of stationary source, unless the owner or operator of the proposed stationary source demonstrates that such limitations are not achievable, or

(B) LAER means the most stringent emissions limitation which is achieved in practice by such class or category of stationary sources.

**"Major source"** means any new or modified stationary source which directly emits or has the capability at maximum design capacity and, if appropriately permitted, authority to emit 100 tons per year or more of a given pollutant. (OAC 252:100-8, Part 3)

**"Malfunction"** means any sudden, infrequent, and not reasonably preventable failure of air pollution control equipment, process equipment, or a process to operate in a normal or usual manner. Failures that are caused in part by poor maintenance or careless operation are not malfunctions.

**"Minor NSR"** means any NSR permit action under Subchapter 7 or 8 that is not Prevention of Significant Deterioration or Nonattainment NSR.

**"Mist"** means a suspension of any finely divided liquid in any gas or atmosphere excepting uncombined water.

**"Modification"** means any physical change in, or change in the method of operation of, a source which increases the amount of any air pollutant emitted by such source or which results in the emission of any air pollutant not previously emitted, except that:

(A) routine maintenance, repair and replacement shall not be considered physical changes; and,

(B) the following shall not be considered a change in the method of operation:

(i) any increase in the production rate, if such increase does not exceed the operating design capacity of the source;

(ii) an increase in hours of operation;

(iii) use of alternative fuel or raw material if, prior to the date any standard under this part becomes applicable to such source the affected facility is designed to accommodate such alternative use.

**"National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants"** or **"NESHAP"** means those standards found in 40 CFR Parts 61 and 63.

**"New installation"**, **"New source"**, or **"New equipment"** means an air contaminant source which is not in being on the effective date of these regulations and any existing source which is modified, replaced, or reconstructed after the effective date of the regulations such that the amount of air contaminant emissions is increased.

**"New Source Performance Standards"** or **"NSPS"** means those standards found in 40 CFR Part 60.

**"New source review"** or **"NSR"** means a process of evaluation performed by the DEQ to determine the applicable requirements that must be incorporated into a construction permit issued by the DEQ as necessary to authorize construction, modification, or change in the method of operation of a new or existing stationary source. DEQ's NSR program, at a minimum, must meet the requirements of 40 CFR Part 51, Subpart I.

**"Nonmethane organic compounds"** or **"NMOC"** means nonmethane organic compounds, as defined in 40 CFR 60.754.

**"NSR permit"** means a construction permit issued by the DEQ as necessary to authorize construction, modification, or change in the method of operation of a new or existing stationary source.

**"Opacity"** means the degree to which emissions reduce the transmission of light and obscure the view of an object in the background.

**"Open burning"** means the burning of combustible materials in such a manner that the products of combustion are emitted directly to the outside atmosphere.

**"Organic compound"** means any chemical compound containing the element carbon.

**"Owner or operator"** means any person who owns, leases, operates, controls or supervises a source.

**"Part 70 permit"** means (unless the context suggests otherwise) any permit or group of permits covering a Part 70 source that is issued, renewed, amended, or revised pursuant to this Chapter.

**"Part 70 program"** means a program approved by the Administrator under 40 CFR Part 70.

**"Part 70 source"** means any source subject to the permitting requirements of Part 5 of Subchapter 8, as provided in OAC 252:100-8-3(a) and (b).

**"PM<sub>10</sub> emissions"** means particulate matter emitted to the ambient air with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 micrometers or less as measured by applicable reference methods, or an equivalent or alternative method.

**"PM<sub>10</sub>"** means particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 micrometers or less.

**"PM<sub>2.5</sub>"** means particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 micrometers or less.

**"Particulate matter"** or **"PM"** means any material that exists in a finely divided form as a liquid or a solid.

**"Particulate matter emissions"** means particulate matter emitted to the ambient air as measured by applicable reference methods, or an equivalent or alternative method.

**"Potential to emit"** means the maximum capacity of a source to emit a pollutant under its physical and operational design. Any physical or operational limitation on the capacity of the source to emit a pollutant, including air pollution control equipment and restrictions on hours of operation or on the type or amount of material combusted, stored or processed, shall be treated as part of its design if the limitation or the effect it would have on emissions is enforceable. Secondary emissions do not count in determining the potential to emit of a source.

**"Prevention of significant deterioration"** or **"PSD"** means increments for the protection of attainment areas as codified in OAC 252:100-3.

**"Process equipment"** means any equipment, device or contrivance for changing any materials or for storage or handling of any materials, the use or existence of which may cause any discharge of air contaminants into the open air, but not including that equipment specifically defined as fuel-burning equipment, or refuse-burning equipment.

**"Process weight"** means the weight of all materials introduced in a source operation, including solid fuels, but excluding liquids and gases used solely as fuels, and excluding air introduced for the purposes of combustion. Process weight rate means a rate established as follows:

(A) for continuous or long-run, steady-state, operations, the total process weight for the entire period of continuous operation or for a typical portion thereof, divided by the number of hours of such period or portion thereof.

(B) for cyclical or batch source operations, the total process weight for a period which covers a complete or an integral number of cycles, divided by the hours of actual process operation during such period.

(C) where the nature of any process or operation or the design of any equipment is such as to permit more than one interpretation of this definition, that interpretation which results in the minimum value for allowable emission shall apply.

**"Reasonably available control technology" or "RACT"** means devices, systems, process modifications, or other apparatus or techniques that are reasonably available taking into account:

- (A) The necessity of imposing such controls in order to attain and maintain a national ambient air quality standard;
- (B) The social, environmental, and economic impact of such controls; and
- (C) Alternative means of providing for attainment and maintenance of such standard.

**"Reconstruction"** means

- (A) the replacement of components of an existing source to the extent that will be determined by the Executive Director based on:
  - (i) the fixed capital cost (the capital needed to provide all the depreciable components of the new components exceeds 50 percent of the fixed capital cost of a comparable entirely new source);
  - (ii) the estimated life of the source after the replacements is comparable to the life of an entirely new source; and,
  - (iii) the extent to which the components being replaced cause or contribute to the emissions from the source.
- (B) a reconstructed source will be treated as a new source for purposes of OAC 252:100-8, Part 9.

**"Refinery"** means any facility engaged in producing gasoline, kerosene, fuel oils or other products through distillation of crude oil or through redistillation, cracking, or reforming of unfinished petroleum derivatives.

**"Refuse"** means, unless specifically defined otherwise, the inclusive term for solid, liquid or gaseous waste products which are composed wholly or partly of such materials as garbage, sweepings, cleanings, trash, rubbish, litter, industrial, commercial and domestic solid, liquid or gaseous waste; trees or shrubs; tree or shrub trimmings; grass clippings; brick, plaster, lumber or other waste resulting from the demolition, alteration or construction of buildings or structures; accumulated waste material, cans, containers, tires, junk or other such substances.

**"Refuse-burning equipment"** means any equipment, device, or contrivance, and all appurtenances thereto, used for the destruction of combustible refuse or other combustible wastes by burning.

**"Regulated air pollutant"** means any substance or group of substances listed in Appendix P of this Chapter, or any substance regulated as an air pollutant under any federal regulation for which the Department has been given authority, or any other substance for which an air emission limitation or equipment standard is set by an enforceable permit.

**"Responsible official"** means one of the following:

- (A) For a corporation: a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation, or a duly authorized representative of such person if the representative is responsible for the overall operation of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities applying for or subject to a permit and either:
  - (i) The facilities employ more than 250 persons or have gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second quarter 1980 dollars); or

- (ii) The delegation of authority to such representatives is approved in advance by the DEQ;
- (B) For the partnership or sole proprietorship: a general partner or the proprietor, respectively;
- (C) For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency: Either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this Chapter, a principal executive officer or installation commander of a federal agency includes the chief executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., a Regional Administrator of EPA); or
- (D) For affected sources:
  - (i) The designated representative insofar as actions, standards, requirements, or prohibitions under Title IV of the Act or the regulations promulgated thereunder are concerned; and
  - (ii) The designated representative for any other purposes under this Chapter.

**"Shutdown"** means the cessation of operation of any process, process equipment, or air pollution control equipment.

**"Smoke"** means small gas-borne or air-borne particles resulting from combustion operations and consisting of carbon, ash, and other matter any or all of which is present in sufficient quantity to be observable.

**"Source operation"** means the last operation preceding the emission of an air contaminant, which operation:

- (A) results in the separation of the air contaminant from the process materials or in the conversion of the process materials into air contaminants, as in the case of combustion of fuel; and,
- (B) is not an air pollution abatement operation.

**"Stack"** means, unless specifically defined otherwise, any chimney, flue, duct, conduit, exhaust, pipe, vent or opening, excluding flares, designed or specifically intended to conduct emissions to the atmosphere.

**"Standard conditions"** means a gas temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit (20° Centigrade) and a gas pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute.

**"Startup"** means the setting into operation of any process, process equipment, or air pollution control equipment.

**"Stationary source"** means, unless specifically defined otherwise, any building, structure, facility, or installation either fixed or portable, whose design and intended use is at a fixed location and emits or may emit an air pollutant subject to OAC 252:100.

**"Temperature inversion"** means a phenomenon in which the temperature in a layer of air increases with height and the cool heavy air below is trapped by the warmer air above and cannot rise.

**"Title V permit"** means (unless the context suggests otherwise) an operating permit for a Part 70 source.

**"Total Suspended Particulates"** or **"TSP"** means particulate matter as measured by the high-volume method described in Appendix B of 40 CFR Part 50.

**"Visible emission"** means any air contaminant, vapor or gas stream which contains or may contain an air contaminant which is passed into the atmosphere and which is perceptible to the human eye.

**"Volatile organic compound" or "VOC"** means any organic compound that participates in atmospheric photochemical reactions resulting in the formation of tropospheric ozone. Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides, ammonium carbonates, tert-butyl acetate and compounds listed in 40 CFR 51.100(s)(1) are presumed to have negligible photochemical reactivity and are not considered to be VOC.

## **SUBCHAPTER 7. PERMITS FOR MINOR FACILITIES**

### **PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **252:100-7-1.1. Definitions**

The following words and terms when used in this Subchapter shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

**"Actual emissions"** means the total amount of any regulated air pollutant actually emitted from a given facility during a particular calendar year, determined using methods contained in OAC 252:100-5-2.1(d).

**"Administratively complete"** means an application that provides:

- (A) All information required under OAC 252:100-7-15(c) and 252:100-7-18(e);
- (B) A landowner affidavit as required by OAC 252:4-7-13(b);
- (C) The appropriate application fees as required by OAC 252:100-7-3; and
- (D) Valid certification by the applicant.

**"Best Available Control Technology" or "BACT"** means the best control technology that is currently available as determined by the Director on a case-by-case basis, taking into account energy, environmental, and economic impacts and other costs.

**"Commence"** means, as applied to the construction or modification of a minor facility to which neither a NSPS or NESHAP applies, that the owner or operator has begun the construction or installation of the emitting equipment on a pad or in the final location at the facility.

**"De minimis facility"** means a facility that meets the requirements contained in paragraphs (A) and (B) of this definition.

(A) All the air pollutant emitting activities at the facility are on the de minimis list contained in Appendix H or the facility meets all of the following de minimis criteria:

- (i) The facility has actual emissions of 5 TPY or less of each regulated air pollutant, except that fraction of particulate matter that exhibits an aerodynamic particulate diameter of more than 10 micrometers ( $\mu\text{m}$ ).
- (ii) The facility is not a "major source" as defined in OAC 252:100-8-2.
- (iii) The facility is not a "major stationary source" as defined in OAC 252:100-8-31 for facilities in attainment areas.
- (iv) The facility is not a "major stationary source" as defined in OAC 252:100-8-51 for facilities in nonattainment areas.
- (v) The facility is not operated in conjunction with another facility or source that is subject to air quality permitting.
- (vi) The facility has not opted to obtain or retain an Air Quality Division permit.

(B) The facility is not subject to the Federal NSPS (40 CFR Part 60) or the Federal NESHAP (40 CFR Parts 61 and 63).

**"Emergency engine"** means a stationary engine used to resume essential operations or ensure safety during sudden and unexpected occurrences including but not limited to loss of electrical power, fire, and/or flood.

**"Facility"** means all of the pollutant-emitting activities that meet all the following conditions:

- (A) Are under common control.
- (B) Are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties.
- (C) Have the same two-digit primary SIC Code (as described in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987).

**"Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit"** or **"FESOP"** means an operating permit issued under Subchapter 7 of this Chapter, including operating permits issued under the provisions of 252:4-7-33(a)(2). As such, for the purposes of this subchapter, "FESOP" and "operating permit" are synonymous.

**"FESOP Enhanced NSR process"** means a process under which the evaluation of requirements applicable under NSR is integrated with a determination of procedural and compliance requirements under the DEQ's FESOP program. This process is only available for facilities already operating under a FESOP permit. Under a FESOP enhanced NSR process, the 30-day public and EPA review period of a draft NSR permit is integrated with the review of the draft FESOP modification, and results in the issuance of a minor source construction permit whose applicable FESOP implications have also been reviewed. Later the requirements of the construction permit may be incorporated into a modified FESOP using the minor source operating permit modification process, without further public or EPA review, as authorized in OAC 252:4-7-13(g)(9) and OAC 252:100-7-18(f).

**"Gasoline dispensing facility"** means any stationary facility which dispenses gasoline into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle, motor vehicle engine, nonroad vehicle, or nonroad engine, including a nonroad vehicle or nonroad engine used solely for competition. These facilities include, but are not limited to, facilities that dispense gasoline into on- and off-road, street, or highway motor vehicles, lawn equipment, boats, test engines, landscaping equipment, generators, pumps, and other gasoline-fueled engines and equipment, as these terms are used in 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart CCCCCC.

**"Hazardous Air Pollutant"** or **"HAP"** means any hazardous air pollutant regulated under Section 112 of the Federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7412, and subject to NESHAP.

**"Minor facility"** means a facility which is not a Part 70 source.

**"National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants"** or **"NESHAP"** means those standards as published by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to Section 112 of the Federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7412.

**"New portable source"** means a portable source that has never operated within the State of Oklahoma. This includes sources that are initially constructed and existing facilities that are relocating into Oklahoma from another state.

**"New Source Performance Standards"** or **"NSPS"** means those standards found in 40 CFR Part 60.

**"Permit exempt facility"** means a facility that:

- (A) has actual emissions in every calendar year that are 40 TPY or less of each regulated air pollutant;
- (B) is not a de minimis facility as defined in OAC 252:100-7-1.1;
- (C) is not a "major source" as defined in OAC 252:100-8-2 for Part 70 sources;

(D) is not a "major stationary source" as defined in OAC 252:100-8-31 for PSD facilities in attainment areas;

(E) is not a "major stationary source" as defined in OAC 252:100-8-51 for facilities in nonattainment areas;

(F) is not operated in conjunction with another facility or source that is subject to air quality permitting;

(G) is not subject to an emission standard, equipment standard, or work practice standard in the Federal NSPS (40 CFR Part 60) or the Federal NESHAP (40 CFR Parts 61 and 63); and

(H) is not subject to the requirements of OAC 252:100-39-47.

**"Portable source"** means a source with design and intended use to allow disassembly or relocation.

**"Relocate"** means to move a source from one geographical location to another. The term does not include minimal moves within the facility boundaries.

**"Regulated air pollutant"** means any substance or group of substances listed in Appendix P of this Chapter, or any substance regulated as an air pollutant under any federal regulation for which the Department has been given authority, or any other substance for which an air emission limitation or equipment standard is set by an enforceable permit.

**"Replacement unit"** means an emissions unit for which all the criteria listed in paragraphs (A) through (D) of this definition are met.

(A) The emissions unit is a reconstructed unit within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. Section 60.15(b)(1), the emissions unit is a reconstructed unit within the meaning of paragraph (1) in the definition of "Reconstruction" in 40 C.F.R. Section 63.2, or the emissions unit completely takes the place of an existing emissions unit.

(B) The emissions unit is identical to or functionally equivalent to the replaced emissions unit.

(C) The replacement unit does not alter the basic design parameter(s) of the process unit.

(D) The replaced emissions unit is permanently removed from the source, otherwise permanently disabled, or permanently barred from operating by a permit that is enforceable as a practical matter. If the replaced emissions unit is brought back into operation, it shall constitute a new emissions unit.

**"Traditional NSR process"** means a process under which the evaluation of requirements applicable under NSR is performed independently of the determination of procedural and compliance requirements under the FESOP program. This process is required for facilities that have not yet received a FESOP, but it may also be used (as an alternative to the FESOP Enhanced NSR process) for facilities that have already received a FESOP. The traditional NSR process provides a 30-day public and EPA review period on the draft construction (NSR) permit, as described in OAC 252:100-7-17 and OAC 252:4-7. This process is independent of the subsequent application, review, and issuance process for the source's initial or modified FESOP that also includes a 30-day public and EPA review period, as described in OAC 252:100-7-18 and OAC 252:4-7.

### **252:100-7-2. Requirement for permits for minor facilities**

(a) **Permit required.** Except as provided in OAC 252:100-7-2 and 252:100-7-18(b), no person may commence construction or modification of any minor facility, may operate any new minor facility, or may relocate any minor portable source without obtaining a permit from the DEQ. For

additional application and permitting procedures, see OAC 252:4, Subchapter 7. Environmental Permit Process.

(b) **Exceptions.**

(1) **De minimis facilities.** De minimis facilities are exempted from the permitting requirements of OAC 252:100-7. De minimis facilities remain subject only to the following air quality control

(A) De minimis facilities must comply with OAC 252:100-13, Open Burning.

(B) With the exception of those de minimis cotton gin facilities or grain, feed or seed facilities that comply with the requirements of 252:100-23, Control of Emissions from Cotton Gins or 252:100-24, Particulate Matter Emissions from Grain, Feed or Seed Operations, de minimis facilities remain subject to OAC 252:100-25, Visible Emissions and Particulates.

(C) With the exception of those de minimis cotton gin facilities or grain, feed or seed facilities that comply with the requirements of 252:100-23, Control of Emissions from Cotton Gins or 252:100-24, Particulate Matter Emissions from Grain, Feed or Seed Operations, de minimis facilities remain subject to OAC 252:100-29, Control of Fugitive Dust.

(D) De minimis facilities must comply with OAC 252:100-42 Control of Toxic Air Contaminants.

(E) De minimis facilities must comply with 252:100-5, Registration, Emission Inventory and Annual Operating Fees.

(2) **Permit exempt facilities.** Permit exempt facilities are exempted from the permitting requirements of OAC 252:100-7. Permit exempt facilities remain subject to all other applicable State and Federal air quality control rules and standards.

(3) **Emergency engines at residential and school facilities.** Primary and secondary schools and single family residences with an emergency engine are exempted from the permitting requirements of OAC 252:100-7.

(4) **Gasoline dispensing facilities with throughput of less than 100,000 gallons per month.** Gasoline dispensing facilities in compliance with 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart CCCCCC, and whose primary or only obligation to obtain a permit is due to the construction (installation) and/or operation of a gasoline dispensing facility, with throughput of less than 100,000 gallons per month on a rolling annual average are exempt from the permitting requirements of OAC 252:100-7.

(5) **Construction Activities Prior to Issuance of a Minor NSR (Construction) Permit.** After the submission of an administratively complete minor NSR construction permit application, but prior to the issuance of the corresponding construction permit, an applicant may begin construction up to, but not including, making any new, modified, or reconstructed unit operational such that it has the ability to emit any regulated air pollutant. The applicant assumes the risk of losing any investment it makes toward implementing such construction prior to the issuance of a construction permit authorizing the construction. **DEQ retains the authority to deny the permit application without consideration of and regardless of any investment the applicant has made prior to permit issuance.** This paragraph does not serve as authorization by DEQ of the requested construction. In addition, this exception does not exempt the owner or operator from any applicable requirements under federal rules (e.g., NSPS or NESHAP) or state-only regulations.

(c) **Permit application.**

- (1) All applications shall be signed by the applicant.
  - (2) The signature on an application for a permit shall constitute an implied agreement that the applicant shall be responsible for assuring construction or operation, as applicable, in accordance with the application and OAC 252:100.
  - (3) Any applicant who fails to submit any relevant facts or who has submitted incorrect information in a permit application shall, upon becoming aware of such failure or incorrect submittal, submit such supplementary facts or corrected information within 30 days unless the applicant's request for more time has been approved by the DEQ. In addition, an applicant shall provide additional information as necessary to address any requirements that become applicable to the source after the date it filed a complete application but prior to release of the draft permit.
- (d) **Applicability determination.** Upon written request along with the required fee and any relevant information needed, the DEQ will make a determination of whether a permit is required.
- (e) **Change in permit status.** The owner or operator of a permitted facility may at any time notify the DEQ that the facility:
- (1) Is de minimis, requesting termination of the permit, or
  - (2) Qualifies for either a permit by rule or a general permit, submitting the appropriate application for such permit, or
  - (3) Is permit exempt, requesting termination of the permit.
- (f) **Transfer of permit.** The transfer of ownership of a stationary source or a facility is an administrative amendment that shall subject the new owner or operator to existing permit conditions and/or compliance schedules. A new permit is not required. The transferor shall notify the DEQ using a prescribed form no later than 30 days following the change in ownership.
- (g) **Emission calculation methods.** The methods in OAC 252:100-5-2.1(d) shall be used when calculating regulated air pollutant emission rates for purposes of determining if a DEQ-issued air quality permit is required or what type of permit is required.

### PART 3. CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

#### **252:100-7-15. Construction permit**

- (a) **Construction permit required.** Except as provided in OAC 252:100-7-2(b)(5), A a construction permit is required to commence construction or installation of a new facility or the modification of an existing facility as specified in OAC 252:100-7-15(a)(1) and (2).
- (1) **New Facility.** No person shall cause or allow the construction or installation of any new minor facility other than a de minimis facility or a permit exempt facility as defined in OAC 252:100-7-1.1 without first obtaining a DEQ-issued air quality construction permit.
  - (2) **Modification of an existing facility.**
    - (A) A construction permit is required for any modification that would cause an existing facility to no longer qualify for de minimis status, permit exempt facility status, or its current permit category.
    - (B) A construction permit is required for an existing facility covered by an individual permit:
      - (i) to add a piece of equipment or a process an "affected facility," "affected source," or "new source" as those terms are defined in 40 CFR Section 60.2, 40 CFR Section 63.2, and 40 CFR Section 61.02, respectively, that is subject to an emission standard,

equipment standard, or work practice standard in a federal NSPS (40 CFR Part 60) or a federal NESHAP (40 CFR Parts 61 and 63) or

(ii) to add or physically modify a piece of equipment or a process that results in a permitted emissions increase of any one regulated air pollutant by more than 5 TPY.

(C) The requirement to obtain a construction permit under OAC 252:100-7-15(a)(2)(B)(i) does not apply to replacement of a piece of equipment, provided the replacement unit does not require a change in any emission limit in the existing permit, and the owner or operator notifies the DEQ in writing within fifteen (15) days of the startup of the replacement unit, and/or as otherwise specified by the permit.

(b) **Permit categories.** Three types of construction permits are available: permit by rule, general permit, and individual permit. A permit by rule may be adopted or a general permit may be issued for an industry if there are a sufficient number of facilities that have the same or substantially similar operations, emissions, and activities that are subject to the same standards, limitations, and operating and monitoring requirements.

(1) **Permit by rule.** An owner or operator of a minor facility may apply for registration under a permit by rule if the following criteria are met:

(A) The facility has actual emissions of 40 TPY or less of each regulated air pollutant, except HAPs.

(B) The facility does not emit or have the potential to emit 10 TPY or more of any single HAP or 25 TPY or more of any combination of HAPs.

(C) The DEQ has established a permit by rule for the industry in Part 9 of this Subchapter.

(D) The owner or operator of the facility certifies that it will comply with the applicable permit by rule.

(E) The facility is not operated in conjunction with another facility or source that is subject to air quality permitting.

(2) **General permit.** Minor facilities may qualify for authorization under a general permit if the following criteria are met:

(A) The facility has actual emissions less than 100 TPY of each regulated air pollutant, except for HAPs.

(B) The facility does not emit or have the potential to emit 10 TPY or more of any single HAP or 25 TPY or more of any combination of HAPs.

(C) The DEQ has issued a general permit for the industry.

(3) **Individual permit.** The owners or operators of minor facilities requiring permits under this Subchapter which do not qualify for permit by rule or a general permit shall obtain individual permits. An owner or operator may apply for an individual permit even if the facility qualifies for a permit by rule or a general permit.

(c) **Content of construction permit application.** Construction permit applications shall contain at least the data and information listed in OAC 252:100-7-15(c)(1) and (2).

(1) **Individual permit.** An applicant for an individual construction permit shall provide data and information required by this Chapter on an application form available from the DEQ. Such data and information should include but not be limited to:

(A) site information,

(B) process description,

(C) emission data,

(D) BACT when required,

(E) sampling point data and

- (F) modeling data when required.
- (2) **General permit.** An applicant for authorization under a general permit shall provide data and information required by that permit on a form available from the DEQ. For general permits that provide for application through the filing of a notice of intent (NOI), authorization under the general permit is effective upon receipt of the NOI.
- (d) **Permit contents.** The construction permit:
- (1) Shall require the permittee to comply with all applicable air pollution rules.
  - (2) Shall prohibit the exceedance of ambient air quality standards contained in OAC 252:100-3.
  - (3) May establish permit conditions and limitations as necessary to assure compliance with all rules.
- (e) **Duty to comply with the construction permit.** The permittee shall comply with all limitations and conditions of the construction permit. A violation of the limitations or conditions contained in the construction permit shall subject the owner or operator of a facility to any or all enforcement penalties, including permit revocation, available under the Oklahoma Clean Air Act and Air Pollution Control Rules. No operating permit will be issued until the violation has been resolved to the satisfaction of the DEQ.
- (f) **Cancellation of authority to construct or modify.** The authority to construct or modify granted by a duly issued construction permit will terminate (unless extended as provided below) if the construction is not commenced within 18 months of the permit issuance date, or if work is suspended for more than 18 months after it has commenced.
- (g) **Extension of authorization to construct or modify.**
- (1) Prior to the permit expiration date, a permittee may apply for extension of the permit by written request of the DEQ stating the reasons for the delay/suspension and providing justification for the extension. The DEQ may grant:
    - (A) one extension of 18 months or less or
    - (B) one extension of up to 36 months where the applicant is proposing to expand an already existing facility to accommodate the proposed new construction or the applicant has expended a significant amount of money (1% of total project cost as identified in the original application, not including land cost) in preparation for meeting the definition of "commence construction" at the proposed site.
  - (2) If construction has not commenced within three (3) years of the effective date of the original permit, the permittee must undertake and complete an appropriate available control technology review and an air quality analysis. This review must be approved by the DEQ before construction may commence.
- (h) **Expiration of authorization to construct or modify.** The authorization to construct or modify under the construction permit shall expire upon completion of the construction or modification, or as otherwise provided in (e), (f), or (g). However, the requirements established under (d) shall continue in effect until and unless the facility or affected unit ceases operations, was never constructed in the first place, or the requirement is superseded under a subsequently-issued construction permit or a FESOP that has undergone public review.

**SUBCHAPTER 8. PERMITS FOR PART 70 SOURCES AND MAJOR NEW SOURCE  
REVIEW (NSR) SOURCES**

**PART 5. PERMITS FOR PART 70 SOURCES**

**252:100-8-4. Requirements for construction and operating permits**

**(a) Construction permits.**

**(1) Construction permit required.**

**(A) Facilities without Part 70 operating permits.** Except as provided in OAC 252:100-8-4(a)(1)(D), ~~No~~ no person shall begin actual construction or installation of any new source that will require a Part 70 operating permit without first obtaining a DEQ-issued air quality construction permit under Part 5 of OAC 252:100-8.

**(B) Facilities with Part 70 operating permits.** Except as provided in OAC 252:100-8-4(a)(1)(D), ~~A~~ a construction permit is also required prior to

(i) reconstruction of a major affected source under 40 CFR Part 63,

(ii) reconstruction of a major source if it would then become a major affected source under 40 CFR Part 63,

(iii) commencement of any physical change or change in method of operation that would be a significant modification under OAC 252:100-8-7.2(b)(2), or

(iv) commencement of any physical change or change in method of operation that, for any one regulated air pollutant, would increase potential to emit by more than 10 TPY, calculated using the approach in 40 C.F.R. Section 49.153(b).

**(C) Additional Requirements.** In addition to the requirements of this Part, sources subject to Part 7 or Part 9 of this Subchapter must also meet the applicable requirements contained therein.

**(D) Construction Activities Prior to Issuance of a Minor NSR (Construction) Permit.**

After the submission of an administratively complete minor NSR construction permit application, but prior to the issuance of the corresponding construction permit, an applicant may begin construction up to, but not including, making any new, modified, or reconstructed unit operational such that it has the ability to emit any regulated air pollutant. The applicant assumes the risk of losing any investment it makes toward implementing such construction prior to the issuance of a construction permit authorizing the construction. DEQ retains the authority to deny the permit application without consideration of and regardless of any investment the applicant has made prior to permit issuance. In addition, when performing cost calculations to determine Best Available Control Technology for minor NSR projects, the determination shall be made without regard to investments made for project-related installation or modification of equipment prior to permit issuance. This subparagraph does not serve as authorization by DEQ of the requested construction. In addition, this exception does not exempt the owner or operator from any applicable requirements under federal rules (e.g., NSPS or NESHAP) or state-only regulations.

**(2) Requirement for case-by-case MACT determinations.**

**(A) Applicability.** The requirement for case-by-case MACT determinations apply to any owner or operator who constructs or reconstructs a major source of hazardous air pollutants after June 29, 1998, unless the source has been specifically regulated or exempted from

regulation under a subpart of 40 CFR Part 63, or the owner or operator has received all necessary air quality permits for such construction or reconstruction before June 29, 1998.

(B) **Exclusions.** The following sources are not subject to this subsection.

(i) Electric utility steam generating units unless and until these units are added to the source category list.

(ii) Stationary sources that are within a source category that has been deleted from the source category list.

(iii) Research and development activities as defined in 40 CFR § 63.41.

(C) **MACT determinations.** If subject to this subsection, an owner or operator may not begin actual construction or reconstruction of a major source of HAP until obtaining from the DEQ an approved MACT determination in accordance with the following regulations: 40 CFR 63.41, 40 CFR 63.43 and 40 CFR 63.44, which are hereby incorporated by reference as they exist on July 1, 2000.

(b) **Operating permits.**

(1) **Operating permits required.** Except as provided in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph, no Part 70 source subject to this Chapter may operate after the time that it is required to file a timely application with the DEQ, except in compliance with a DEQ-issued permit.

(A) If the owner or operator of a source subject to the requirement to obtain a Part 70 permit submits a timely application for Part 70 permit issuance or renewal, that source's failure to have a Part 70 permit shall not be a violation of the requirement to have such a permit until the DEQ takes final action on the application. This protection shall cease to apply if the applicant fails to submit, by the deadline specified in writing by the DEQ or OAC 252:100-8-4, any additional information identified as being reasonably required to process the application.

(B) If the owner or operator of a source subject to this Subchapter files a timely application that the DEQ determines to be administratively incomplete due to the applicant's failure to timely provide additional information requested by the DEQ, the applicant loses the protection granted under paragraph (A) of this Section. The source's failure to have a Part 70 permit shall be deemed a violation of this Subchapter.

(C) Filing an operating permit application shall not affect the requirement, if any, that a source have a construction permit.

(2) **Duty to apply.** For each Part 70 source, the owner or operator shall submit a timely and complete permit application on forms supplied by the DEQ in accordance with this section.

(3) **Timely application.**

(A) A new source shall file an administratively complete operating permit application within 180 days of commencement of operation.

(B) An existing source that becomes subject to the Part 70 operating permit program due to modification shall file an administratively complete operating permit application within 180 days of commencement of operation of the modification.

(C) An existing source that becomes subject to the Part 70 operating permit program without undergoing physical or operational changes resulting in an increase in the emission of any air pollutant subject to regulation shall file an administratively complete operating permit application by March 6, 1999 or within 12 months after the date the source first becomes subject to the Part 70 operating permit program, whichever is later.

(4) [Reserved]

(5) [Reserved]

(6) **Application acceptability.** Notwithstanding the deadlines established in paragraph (4) of this subsection, an application filed prior to the above deadlines following submission of the state program to EPA for approval shall be accepted for processing.

(7) **112(g) applications.** A source that is required to meet the requirements under section 112(g) of the Act, or to have a permit under a preconstruction review program under Title I of such Act, shall file an application to obtain an operating permit or permit amendment or modification within twelve months of commencing operation. Where an existing Part 70 operating permit would prohibit such construction or change in operation, the source must obtain a construction permit before commencing construction.

(8) **Application for renewal.** Sources subject to this Chapter shall file an application for renewal of an operating permit at least 180 days before the date of permit expiration, unless a longer period (not to exceed 540 days) is specified in the permit. Renewal periods greater than 180 days are subject to negotiation on a case-by-case basis.

(9) **Phase II acid rain permits.** Sources required to submit applications under the Acid Rain Program shall submit these applications as required by 40 CFR 72.30(b)(2)(i) through (viii).

(10) **Application completeness.** See Environmental Permit Process, OAC 252:4-7-7 and the definition of "administratively complete" in OAC 252:100-8-2.

(c) **Enhanced NSR process.** An existing Part 70 source covered by an operating permit issued under this subchapter may be eligible to utilize the enhanced NSR process, including the public notice procedures of OAC 252:4-7-13(g)(4) for a construction permit for modification of the source.