

## *Ensuring Quality Permit Applications*

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## *What is Required in a Permit Application?*

Completeness Determination (for all applications, except PSD)

- Appropriately signed application forms
- Local zoning consistency determination
- Professional engineer (PE) seal, if required.
- Number of copies
- Application fee
- Financial qualification or substantial compliance statement, if required.



# *What is Required in a Permit Application?*

## Technical Completeness Determination

- Narrative of project or modification
- Process schematics and parameters
- Emissions information
  - Sample calculations
  - Source of emissions factors
- Regulatory applicability and compliance
- Modeling analysis, if required.



## *What is Required in a Permit Application?*

Completeness Determination (for PSD applications only)

- Best available control technology (BACT) analysis
- Source impact analysis
- Source information
- Additional impacts analysis
- Class I analysis, if applicable.



## *What is the Processing Timeframe?*

- **Construction and operation permit application (02Q .0300)**

Most applications - 90 days from the receipt of the complete application (60 days for administrative amendments)

- **Title V permit application (02Q .0500)**

Most of the applications - approximately 320 days from the receipt of complete application, if no public hearing held and using parallel processing (90 days for minor modifications, 60 days for administrative amendments)

- **PSD application**

Processed using either 02Q .0300 or 02Q .0500 - 1 year from the receipt of the complete application



## *What is the Processing Timeframe?*

- Modification of Title V Permits
  - Addresses all criteria, HAPs and certain other federally regulated pollutants.
  - Administrative Amendments (2Q .0514) – 60 days
  - State-Only Changes (2Q .0300) – 90 days
  - 502(b)(10) Changes (2Q .0523(a), 2Q .0300) – 7 days
  - Minor Modifications (2Q .0515) – 10 days (letter to applicant followed by 80 days processing)
  - Significant Modifications (2Q .0504) - ~270 days
  - PSD/NA-NSR Permits (2D .0530/.0531) - ~ 1 year



## *Why is a Quality Permit Application Needed?*

- Increases efficiency of NCDAQ staff
- Decreases scrutiny by EPA, public, and third parties  
*Hearings and public participation*



## *Common Issues with Permit Applications*

- Not stand-alone documents
  - Refers to other documents
- Cover letter and narrative
  - Missing information in narrative
  - No process diagram
  - No discussion of applicability or compliance
  - Emission sources do not match information in forms
- Forms
  - Outdated or incomplete
  - Not signed by Responsible Official
  - Missing





# Examples - Issues with Forms...

Form C1 for a Bagfilter

POLLUTANTS COLLECTED:	PM	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>																											
BEFORE CONTROL EMISSION RATE (LB/HR):	2.09	2.09	2.09																											
CAPTURE EFFICIENCY:	100 %	100 %	100 %																											
CONTROL DEVICE EFFICIENCY:	99 %	99 %	99 %																											
CORRESPONDING OVERALL EFFICIENCY:	99 %	99 %	99 %																											
EFFICIENCY DETERMINATION CODE:	4	4	4																											
TOTAL AFTER CONTROL EMISSION RATE (LB/HR):	2.09E-02	2.09E-02	2.09E-02																											
PRESSURE DROP (IN H <sub>2</sub> O): MIN: MAX: GAUGE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO																														
BULK PARTICLE DENSITY (LB/FT <sup>3</sup> ):	INLET TEMPERATURE (°F): MIN MAX																													
POLLUTANT LOADING RATE: <input type="checkbox"/> LB/HR <input type="checkbox"/> GR/FT <sup>3</sup>	OUTLET TEMPERATURE (°F) MIN MAX																													
INLET AIR FLOW RATE (ACFM): A = 8000 maximum B = 4800 maximum	FILTER OPERATING TEMP (°F):																													
NO. OF COMPARTMENTS:	NO. OF BAGS PER COMPARTMENT:	LENGTH OF BAG (IN.):																												
NO. OF CARTRIDGES:	FILTER SURFACE AREA PER CARTRIDGE (FT <sup>2</sup> ):	DIAMETER OF BAG (IN.):																												
TOTAL FILTER SURFACE AREA (FT <sup>2</sup> ):	AIR TO CLOTH RATIO:																													
DRAFT TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> INDUCED/NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> FORCED/POSITIVE	FILTER MATERIAL: <input type="checkbox"/> WOVEN <input type="checkbox"/> FELTED																													
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DESCRIBE INCOMING AIR STREAM																														

Where's all the Data?

TYPE OF EMISSION SOURCE (CHECK AND COMPLETE APPROPRIATE FORMS)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Coal/wood/oil, gas, other burner (Form B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Int. combustion engine/generator (Form B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid storage tanks (Form B3)				<input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking (Form B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Coating/finishing/printing (Form B5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storage silos/bins (Form B6)			
START CONSTRUCTION DATE: TBD				OPERATION DATE: 2020			
MANUFACTURER / MODEL NO.: TBD				TBD			
IS THIS SOURCE SUBJECT TO? NSPS (SUBPART?) NESHAP (SUBPART?)							
PERCENTAGE ANNUAL THROUGHPUT (%): DEC-FEB 25% MAR-MAY 25% SEP-NOV 25%							
EXPECTED ANNUAL HOURS OF OPERATION 8,760 VISIBLE STACK EMISSIONS NORMAL OPERATION: <20 % OPACITY							
CRITERIA AIR POLLUTANT EMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR THIS SOURCE							
AIR POLLUTANT EMITTED	SOURCE OF EMISSION FACTOR	EXPECTED ACTUAL (AFTER CONTROLS / LIMITS)	POTENTIAL EMISSIONS (BEFORE CONTROLS / LIMITS)		POTENTIAL EMISSIONS (AFTER CONTROLS / LIMITS)		
PARTICULATE MATTER (PM)	See Emission Calculations in Appendix B	lb/hr tons/yr	lb/hr tons/yr	lb/hr tons/yr	lb/hr tons/yr	lb/hr tons/yr	
PARTICULATE MATTER <10 MICRONS (PM <sub>10</sub> )							
PARTICULATE MATTER <2.5 MICRONS (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )							
SULFUR DIOXIDE (SO <sub>2</sub> )							
NITROGEN OXIDES (NO <sub>x</sub> )							
CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)							
VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC)							
LEAD							
OTHER							
HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANT EMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR THIS SOURCE							
HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANT AND CAS NO.	SOURCE OF EMISSION FACTOR	EXPECTED ACTUAL (AFTER CONTROLS / LIMITS)	POTENTIAL EMISSIONS (BEFORE CONTROLS / LIMITS)		POTENTIAL EMISSIONS (AFTER CONTROLS / LIMITS)		
N/A		lb/hr tons/yr	lb/hr tons/yr	lb/hr tons/yr	lb/hr tons/yr	lb/hr tons/yr	
TOXIC AIR POLLUTANT EMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR THIS SOURCE							
TOXIC AIR POLLUTANT AND CAS NO.	EF SOURCE	lb/hr	lb/day	lb/yr			
N/A							

Is "See Appendix Acceptable?"

Form B for a Hammermill



# New Form A - ePayment

FORM A			
GENERAL FACILITY INFORMATION			
REVISED 04/18/19		NCDEQ/Division of Air Quality - Application for Air Permit to Construct/Operate	
			<b>A</b>
<b>NOTE- APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING:</b>			
Local Zoning Consistency Determination (new or modification only)	Appropriate Number of Copies of Application	Application Fee (please check one option below)	
Responsible Official/Authorized Contact Signature	P.E. Seal (if required)	Not Required	ePayment      Check Enclosed
<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>			
Legal Corporate/Owner Name:			
Site Name:			
Site Address (911 Address) Line 1:			
Site Address Line 2:			
City:		State:	
Zip Code:		County:	
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Responsible Official/Authorized Contact:</b>		<b>Invoice Contact:</b>	
Name/Title:		Name/Title:	
Mailing Address Line 1:		Mailing Address Line 1:	
Mailing Address Line 2:		Mailing Address Line 2:	
City:	State:	City:	State:
Zip Code:		Zip Code:	
Primary Phone No.:	Fax No.:	Primary Phone No.:	Fax No.:
Secondary Phone No.:		Secondary Phone No.:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	
<b>Facility/Inspection Contact:</b>		<b>Permit/Technical Contact:</b>	
Name/Title:		Name/Title:	
Mailing Address Line 1:		Mailing Address Line 1:	
Mailing Address Line 2:		Mailing Address Line 2:	
City:	State:	City:	State:
Zip Code:		Zip Code:	
Primary Phone No.:	Fax No.:	Primary Phone No.:	Fax No.:
Secondary Phone No.:		Secondary Phone No.:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	



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## *Common Issues with Permit Applications*

- Emission calculations
  - No sample calculations
  - Data in tables not readable
  - Incorrect or undocumented emission factors
  - Ambiguous manufacturer specifications
- Modeling data and files, if applicable
  - Emission data differs
  - Emission sources do not match permit application
  - Source parameters and locations incorrect
  - Inaccurate met files or modeling methodology
- Reference material
  - Information not publicly available not included
  - Inappropriate for industry



### TAP Evolution

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### TIER Comparison Table

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## I can't read the data!



## *Acceptable Emission Estimation Methods*

- Continuous emission monitoring system (CEMS)
- NC DAQ approved site-specific emission factor (stack test)
- NC and local approved emission factor (NC Spreadsheets)
- NC DAQ-approved & representative stack tests
- Material balance
- US EPA/AP-42 emission factor not in NC spreadsheets
- Trade association developed emission factors or calculations
- Engineering judgment with documentation
- Manufacturer specification with warranty

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## *CEMS Data – It's Complicated!*

- CEMS monitor needs to be considered
  - Properly installed, maintained, and operated?
  - Certified, RATA, etc.
- Data collection and processing vary by rule
  - NSPS vs. Part 75
  - Rolling vs. block averages
- Understand CEM data before using it for emissions

## *Source Test Data*

- Questions about the source tests
  - Was the test conducted at the facility?
  - Was the test recent?
  - Were the test conditions representative?
  - Was the test for a similar facility?
- **All source test data should be approved by SSCB before acceptance in permitting.**

## *Other Emission Estimation Methods*

- Material balance – Need supporting data (MSDS, SDS, etc.)
- US EPA/AP-42 emission factors - Use most up to date versions
- Trade associations, engineering judgment, manufacturer data -  
Need documentation

Example – NCASI's Technical Bulletins



## *How to Improve Permit Application Process*

- Fill out forms completely.
- Submit emission spreadsheets and provide sample calculations.
- Provide references in application.
- Provide source test data.
- Respond to questions in a timely manner.
- Communicate.



## *Questions?*

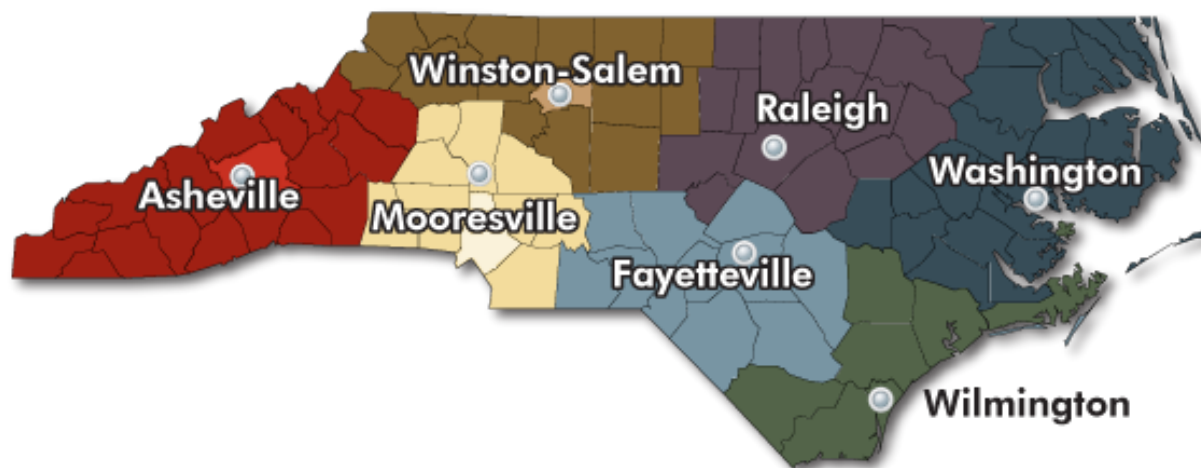
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## *Questions?*

For non-Title V Permitting:



Ask for the DAQ Permitting Coordinator at your Regional Office.

<https://deq.nc.gov/contact/regional-offices>

