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Permitting Program Enhancements

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Presentation Outcome



Discuss important enhancements to Air District permitting policies and procedures for:

- predictable timelines for business, and
- stable projects for efficient permit review

Presentation Agenda



Process improvements

Other improvements

Your feedback and input

Changes to Policies and Procedures

(Adhering to Permitting Regulations)



New and improved:

- Application Minimum Requirements
- Complete Application Requirements
- Restrict Revisions to Applications
- Project Revisions Required for Compliance
- Requests to Review Permit Conditions
- Requests to Revise Permit Conditions after Permit Issuance

Application Minimum Requirements



Information specified in Regulation 2-1-402

Applications will **not be accepted** if they do not have:

- complete project description,
- correct data forms, and
- both a public and confidential copy of the application (if applicable)

Check the Permit Handbook for source-specific instructions

Complete Application Requirements



Incomplete applications will be cancelled if the applicant has not:

- submitted requested information/fees within 90 days,

or

- requested a 90-day extension (in writing) and the request is approved.

“The APCO may cancel an application for an authority to construct and a permit to operate if, within 90 days after the application as deemed incomplete, the applicant fails to furnish the requested information or pay all appropriate fees.” [Regulation 2-1-309]

Prohibited Changes to Applications



Unless specifically authorized by Air District staff to achieve compliance, changes to the following are prohibited:

- Proposed emissions and/or emission factors
- Project or process design (including throughput / capacities)
- Proposed abatement equipment
- Project scope

Any changes deemed substantive by the Air District will require submittal of a **new permit application** and restarting the application clock

[Regulation 2-1-408.5]

Project Revisions Required for Compliance



If the Air District identifies potential project revisions to achieve regulatory compliance, the applicant shall have two weeks* from notification to provide a compliant option

*(Up to 30 days if re-engineering or other approvals are needed)

If the above is not met, application will be denied* [Regulation 2-1-304]

*An applicant may withdraw and reapply once they have identified project changes required for compliance.

Requests to Review Permit Conditions



If an applicant wishes to review conditions prior to issuance:

- Request in writing with four-week extension of application due date
- Applicant has two weeks from receipt to review and respond to staff
- Permit will be issued unless comments received before deadline
- Staff will consider comments for two weeks before final action

Requests to Revise Permit Conditions After Authority to Construct Issuance



The owner/operator may only request revisions to correct equipment installation details* and items specifically identified by start-up conditions that were issued in error.

Otherwise, the owner/operator will need to submit a new permit application for a change of permit conditions.

*Equipment details that affect emissions may require new application

Requests to Revise Permit Conditions After Permit to Operate Issuance



The owner/operator will need to submit a new permit application for a change of permit conditions.

Other Improvements



Updating permitting manuals:

- Permit Handbook
- BACT/TBACT Workbook
- Policies and Procedures

Online application submittals

Online payments

Questions/Feedback/Comments



Thank you!