DEP Proposes Revisions to Air Quality Permit Exemptions List

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is proposing revisions to the Air Quality Permit Exemptions List (I.D. No. 275-2101-003). The proposed revisions to this technical guidance document will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on May 29, 2010. As provided in 25 *Pa. Code* § 127.14 (relating to exemptions), DEP may determine sources or classes of sources and physical changes to sources to be of minor significance and exempt from the plan approval and permitting requirements of 25 *Pa. Code* Chapter 127 (relating to construction, modification, reactivation and operation of sources). The Exemption List includes a listing of sources and physical changes that are exempt from plan approval and permitting requirements because the DEP has determined sources or changes are of minor significance.

Proposed Changes to the Exemption List:

DEP is re-proposing the Exemption List, because of the substantial revisions made in response to comments submitted to the Department following publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of proposed revisions on November 22, 2008. See (38 *Pa.B.* 6424). Based on the comments received from 29 commentators, DEP is proposing revisions to the document including an exemption pertaining to oil and gas exploration and production facilities and operations at Category No. 38. The owners and operators of engines not meeting the requirements identified in Category No. 38 are required to submit a request for determination (RFD) to the Department. If the RFD is not approved by the DEP, an application seeking authorization to use a general permit or plan approval must be submitted to the appropriate DEP regional office.

The revised Exemption List will be published in the *Pennsylvania* Bulletin on May 29, 2010. Following a 30-day public comment period, the document will be revised, as appropriate, and published in final-form in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Interested parties are encouraged to obtain and review a complete copy of the proposed changes to the Exemption List. For additional information contact Jeanette Van Skike, Division of Permits, Bureau of Air Quality, 12th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468, telephone (717) 787-4325, or email jvanskike@state.pa.us. TDD users may telephone the Department through the AT&T Relay Service, 1-800-654-5984. Internet users can access a copy of this document at: http://www.depweb.state.pa.us (DEP Keyword: Air Quality Home).