



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AIR QUALITY PROGRAM**

STATE ONLY NATURAL MINOR OPERATING PERMIT

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In accordance with the provisions of the Air Pollution Control Act, the Act of January 8, 1960, P.L. 2119, as amended, and 25 Pa. Code Chapter 127, the Owner, [and Operator if noted] (hereinafter referred to as permittee) identified below is authorized by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) to operate the air emission source(s) more fully described in this permit. This Facility is subject to all terms and conditions specified in this permit. Nothing in this permit relieves the permittee from its obligations to comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws and regulations.

The regulatory or statutory authority for each permit condition is set forth in brackets. All terms and conditions in this permit are federally enforceable unless otherwise designated.

State Only Permit No: 45-00034

Natural Minor

Federal Tax Id - Plant Code: 23-2202132-1

Owner Information

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Mailing Address: 1426 ROUTE 209
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Plant Information

Plant: GOWER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY INC/GILBERT

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101	MATTHEWS CREMATION UNIT		
FML1	PROPANE		
S101	STACK - MATTHEWS UNIT		

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**SECTION B. General State Only Requirements****#001 [25 Pa. Code § 121.1]****Definitions.**

Words and terms that are not otherwise defined in this permit shall have the meanings set forth in Section 3 of the Air Pollution Control Act (35 P.S. § 4003) and in 25 Pa. Code § 121.1.

#002 [25 Pa. Code § 127.446]**Operating Permit Duration.**

- (a) This operating permit is issued for a fixed term of five (5) years and shall expire on the date specified on Page 1 of this permit.
- (b) The terms and conditions of the expired permit shall automatically continue pending issuance of a new operating permit, provided the permittee has submitted a timely and complete application and paid applicable fees required under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 127, Subchapter I and the Department is unable, through no fault of the permittee, to issue or deny a new permit before the expiration of the previous permit.

#003 [25 Pa. Code §§ 127.412, 127.413, 127.414, 127.446 & 127.703(b)]**Permit Renewal.**

- (a) The permittee shall submit a timely and complete application for renewal of the operating permit to the appropriate Regional Air Program Manager. The application for renewal of the operating permit shall be submitted at least six (6) months and not more than 18 months before the expiration date of this permit.
- (b) The application for permit renewal shall include the current permit number, a description of any permit revisions that occurred during the permit term, and any applicable requirements that were promulgated and not incorporated into the permit during the permit term. An application is complete if it contains sufficient information to begin processing the application, has the applicable sections completed and has been signed by a responsible official.
- (c) The permittee shall submit with the renewal application a fee for the processing of the application as specified in 25 Pa. Code § 127.703(b). The fees shall be made payable to "The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Clean Air Fund" and submitted with the fee form to the respective regional office.
- (d) The renewal application shall also include submission of proof that the local municipality and county, in which the facility is located, have been notified in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 127.413.
- (e) The application for renewal of the operating permit shall also include submission of supplemental compliance review forms in accordance with the requirements of 25 Pa. Code § 127.412(b) and § 127.412(j).
- (f) The permittee, upon becoming aware that any relevant facts were omitted or incorrect information was submitted in the permit application, shall promptly submit such supplementary facts or corrected information as necessary to address any requirements that become applicable to the source after the permittee submits a complete application, but prior to the date the Department takes action on the permit application.

#004 [25 Pa. Code § 127.703]**Operating Permit Fees under Subchapter I.**

- (a) The permittee shall pay the annual operating permit maintenance fee according to the following fee schedule in either paragraph (1) or (2) in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 127.703(d) on or before December 31 of each year for the next calendar year.
- (1) For a synthetic minor facility, a fee equal to:
- (i) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for calendar years 2021—2025.
 - (ii) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for calendar years 2026—2030.
 - (iii) Six thousand three hundred dollars (\$6,300) for the calendar years beginning with 2031.
- (2) For a facility that is not a synthetic minor, a fee equal to:

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- (i) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for calendar years 2021—2025.
- (ii) Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for calendar years 2026—2030.
- (iii) Three thousand one hundred dollars (\$3,100) for the calendar years beginning with 2031.

(b) The applicable fees shall be made payable to "The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Clean Air Fund" with the permit number clearly indicated and submitted to the respective regional office.

#005 [25 Pa. Code §§ 127.450 (a)(4) and 127.464]**Transfer of Operating Permits.**

(a) This operating permit may not be transferred to another person, except in cases of transfer-of-ownership that are documented and approved by the Department.

(b) In accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 127.450(a)(4), a change in ownership of the source shall be treated as an administrative amendment if the Department determines that no other change in the permit is required and a written agreement has been submitted to the Department identifying the specific date of the transfer of permit responsibility, coverage and liability between the current and the new permittee and a compliance review form has been submitted to, and the permit transfer has been approved by, the Department.

(c) This operating permit is valid only for those specific sources and the specific source locations described in this permit.

#006 [25 Pa. Code § 127.441 and 35 P.S. § 4008]**Inspection and Entry.**

(a) Upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, the permittee shall allow the Department or authorized representatives of the Department to perform the following:

(1) Enter at reasonable times upon the permittee's premises where a source is located or emissions related activity is conducted, or where records are kept under the conditions of this permit;

(2) Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that are kept under the conditions of this permit;

(3) Inspect at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment including monitoring and air pollution control equipment, practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit;

(4) Sample or monitor, at reasonable times, any substances or parameters, for the purpose of assuring compliance with the permit or applicable requirements as authorized by the Clean Air Act, the Air Pollution Control Act, or the regulations promulgated under the Acts.

(b) Pursuant to 35 P.S. § 4008, no person shall hinder, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the Department or its personnel in the performance of any duty authorized under the Air Pollution Control Act or regulations adopted thereunder including denying the Department access to a source at this facility. Refusal of entry or access may constitute grounds for permit revocation and assessment of criminal and/or civil penalties.

(c) Nothing in this permit condition shall limit the ability of the EPA to inspect or enter the premises of the permittee in accordance with Section 114 or other applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act.

#007 [25 Pa. Code §§ 127.441 & 127.444]**Compliance Requirements.**

(a) The permittee shall comply with the conditions of this operating permit. Noncompliance with this permit constitutes a violation of the Clean Air Act and the Air Pollution Control Act and is grounds for one or more of the following:

- (1) Enforcement action

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(2) Permit termination, revocation and reissuance or modification

(3) Denial of a permit renewal application

(b) A person may not cause or permit the operation of a source which is subject to 25 Pa. Code Article III unless the source(s) and air cleaning devices identified in the application for the plan approval and operating permit and the plan approval issued for the source is operated and maintained in accordance with specifications in the applications and the conditions in the plan approval and operating permit issued by the Department. A person may not cause or permit the operation of an air contamination source subject to 25 Pa. Code Chapter 127 in a manner inconsistent with good operating practices.

(c) For purposes of Sub-condition (b) of this permit condition, the specifications in applications for plan approvals and operating permits are the physical configurations and engineering design details which the Department determines are essential for the permittee's compliance with the applicable requirements in this State-Only permit. Nothing in this sub-condition shall be construed to create an independent affirmative duty upon the permittee to obtain a predetermination from the Department for physical configuration or engineering design detail changes made by the permittee.

#008 [25 Pa. Code § 127.441]**Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense.**

It shall not be a defense for the permittee in an enforcement action that it was necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

#009 [25 Pa. Code §§ 127.442(a) & 127.461]**Duty to Provide Information.**

(a) The permittee shall submit reports to the Department containing information the Department may prescribe relative to the operation and maintenance of each source at the facility.

(b) The permittee shall furnish to the Department, in writing, information that the Department may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with the permit. Upon request, the permittee shall also furnish to the Department copies of records that the permittee is required to maintain in accordance with this permit.

#010 [25 Pa. Code § 127.461]**Revising an Operating Permit for Cause.**

This operating permit may be terminated, modified, suspended or revoked and reissued if one or more of the following applies:

(1) The permittee constructs or operates the source subject to the operating permit so that it is in violation of the Air Pollution Control Act, the Clean Air Act, the regulations thereunder, a plan approval, a permit or in a manner that causes air pollution.

(2) The permittee fails to properly or adequately maintain or repair an air pollution control device or equipment attached to or otherwise made a part of the source.

(3) The permittee has failed to submit a report required by the operating permit or an applicable regulation.

(4) The EPA determines that the permit is not in compliance with the Clean Air Act or the regulations thereunder.

#011 [25 Pa. Code §§ 127.450, 127.462, 127.465 & 127.703]**Operating Permit Modifications**

(a) The permittee is authorized to make administrative amendments, minor operating permit modifications and significant operating permit modifications, under this permit, as outlined below:

(b) Administrative Amendments. The permittee shall submit the application for administrative operating permit amendments (as defined in 25 Pa. Code § 127.450(a)), according to procedures specified in § 127.450 unless

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precluded by the Clean Air Act or its regulations.

(c) Minor Operating Permit Modifications. The permittee shall submit the application for minor operating permit modifications (as defined 25 Pa. Code § 121.1) in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 127.462.

(d) Significant Operating Permit Modifications. The permittee shall submit the application for significant operating permit modifications in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 127.465.

(e) The applicable fees shall be made payable to "The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Clean Air Fund" with the permit number clearly indicated and submitted to the respective regional office.

#012 [25 Pa. Code § 127.441]**Severability Clause.**

The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such a determination will not affect the remaining provisions of this permit.

#013 [25 Pa. Code § 127.449]**De Minimis Emission Increases.**

(a) This permit authorizes de minimis emission increases in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 127.449 so long as the permittee provides the Department with seven (7) days prior written notice before commencing any de minimis emissions increase. The written notice shall:

(1) Identify and describe the pollutants that will be emitted as a result of the de minimis emissions increase.

(2) Provide emission rates expressed in tons per year and in terms necessary to establish compliance consistent with any applicable requirement.

(b) The Department may disapprove or condition de minimis emission increases at any time.

(c) Except as provided below in (d), the permittee is authorized to make de minimis emission increases (expressed in tons per year) up to the following amounts without the need for a plan approval or prior issuance of a permit modification:

(1) Four tons of carbon monoxide from a single source during the term of the permit and 20 tons of carbon monoxide at the facility during the term of the permit.

(2) One ton of NO_x from a single source during the term of the permit and 5 tons of NO_x at the facility during the term of the permit.

(3) One and six-tenths tons of the oxides of sulfur from a single source during the term of the permit and 8.0 tons of oxides of sulfur at the facility during the term of the permit.

(4) Six-tenths of a ton of PM₁₀ from a single source during the term of the permit and 3.0 tons of PM₁₀ at the facility during the term of the permit. This shall include emissions of a pollutant regulated under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act unless precluded by the Clean Air Act, the regulations thereunder or 25 Pa. Code Article III.

(5) One ton of VOCs from a single source during the term of the permit and 5.0 tons of VOCs at the facility during the term of the permit. This shall include emissions of a pollutant regulated under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act unless precluded by the Clean Air Act, the regulations thereunder or 25 Pa. Code Article III.

(6) Other sources and classes of sources determined to be of minor significance by the Department.

(d) In accordance with § 127.14, the permittee is authorized to install the following minor sources without the need for a plan approval or permit modification:

(1) Air conditioning or ventilation systems not designed to remove pollutants generated or released from other sources.

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- (2) Combustion units rated at 2,500,000 or less Btu per hour of heat input.
 - (3) Combustion units with a rated capacity of less than 10,000,000 Btu per hour heat input fueled by natural gas supplied by a public utility or by commercial fuel oils which are No. 2 or lighter, viscosity less than or equal to 5.82 c St, and which meet the sulfur content requirements of 25 Pa. Code §123.22 (relating to combustion units). For purposes of this permit, commercial fuel oil shall be virgin oil which has no reprocessed, recycled or waste material added.
 - (4) Space heaters which heat by direct heat transfer.
 - (5) Laboratory equipment used exclusively for chemical or physical analysis.
 - (6) Other sources and classes of sources determined to be of minor significance by the Department.
- (e) This permit does not authorize de minimis emission increases if the emissions increase would cause one or more of the following:
- (1) Increase the emissions of a pollutant regulated under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act except as authorized in Subparagraphs (c)(4) and (5) of this permit condition.
 - (2) Subject the facility to the prevention of significant deterioration requirements in 25 Pa. Code Chapter 127, Subchapter D and/or the new source review requirements in Subchapter E.
 - (3) Violate any applicable requirement of this permit, the Air Pollution Control Act, the Clean Air Act, or the regulations promulgated under either of the acts.
- (f) Emissions authorized under this permit condition shall be included in the monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements of this permit.
- (g) Except for de minimis emission increases, installation of minor sources made pursuant to this permit condition and Plan Approval Exemptions under 25 Pa. Code § 127.14 (relating to exemptions), the permittee is prohibited from making changes or engaging in activities that are not specifically authorized under this permit without first applying for a plan approval. In accordance with § 127.14(b), a plan approval is not required for the construction, modification, reactivation, or installation of the sources creating the de minimis emissions increase.
- (h) The permittee may not meet de minimis emission threshold levels by offsetting emission increases or decreases at the same source.

#014 [25 Pa. Code § 127.3]**Operational Flexibility.**

The permittee is authorized to make changes within the facility in accordance with the regulatory provisions outlined in 25 Pa. Code § 127.3 (relating to operational flexibility) to implement the operational flexibility requirements provisions authorized under Section 6.1(i) of the Air Pollution Control Act and the operational flexibility terms and conditions of this permit. The provisions in 25 Pa. Code Chapter 127 which implement the operational flexibility requirements include the following:

- (1) Section 127.14 (relating to exemptions)
- (2) Section 127.447 (relating to alternative operating scenarios)
- (3) Section 127.448 (relating to emissions trading at facilities with Federally enforceable emissions caps)
- (4) Section 127.449 (relating to de minimis emission increases)
- (5) Section 127.450 (relating to administrative operating permit amendments)
- (6) Section 127.462 (relating to minor operating permit modifications)
- (7) Subchapter H (relating to general plan approvals and general operating permits)

**SECTION B. General State Only Requirements****#015 [25 Pa. Code § 127.11a]****Reactivation of Sources**

- (a) The permittee may not reactivate a source that has been out of operation or production for at least one year unless the reactivation is conducted in accordance with a plan approval granted by the Department or in accordance with reactivation and maintenance plans developed and approved by the Department in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 127.11a(a).
- (b) A source which has been out of operation or production for more than five (5) years but less than 10 years may be reactivated and will not be considered a new source if the permittee satisfies the conditions specified in 25 Pa. Code § 127.11a(b).

#016 [25 Pa. Code § 127.36]**Health Risk-based Emission Standards and Operating Practice Requirements.**

- (a) When needed to protect public health, welfare and the environment from emissions of hazardous air pollutants from new and existing sources, the permittee shall comply with the health risk-based emission standards or operating practice requirements imposed by the Department, except as precluded by §§ 6.6(d)(2) and (3) of the Air Pollution Control Act [35 P.S. § 4006.6(d)(2) and (3)].
- (b) A person challenging a performance or emission standard established by the Department has the burden to demonstrate that performance or emission standard does not meet the requirements of Section 112 of the Clean Air Act.

#017 [25 Pa. Code § 121.9]**Circumvention.**

No person may permit the use of a device, stack height which exceeds good engineering practice stack height, dispersion technique or other technique which, without resulting in reduction of the total amount of air contaminants emitted, conceals or dilutes an emission of air contaminants which would otherwise be in violation of 25 Pa. Code Article III, except that with prior approval of the Department, the device or technique may be used for control of malodors.

#018 [25 Pa. Code §§ 127.402(d) & 127.442]**Reporting Requirements.**

- (a) The permittee shall comply with the applicable reporting requirements of the Clean Air Act, the regulations thereunder, the Air Pollution Control Act and 25 Pa. Code Article III including Chapters 127, 135 and 139.
- (b) The permittee shall submit reports to the Department containing information the Department may prescribe relative to the operation and maintenance of any air contamination source.
- (c) Reports, test data, monitoring data, notifications and requests for renewal of the permit shall be submitted to the:
- Regional Air Program Manager
PA Department of Environmental Protection
(At the address given in the permit transmittal letter, or otherwise notified)
- (d) Any records or information including applications, forms, or reports submitted pursuant to this permit condition shall contain a certification by a responsible official as to truth, accuracy and completeness. The certifications submitted under this permit shall require a responsible official of the facility to certify that based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the documents are true, accurate and complete.
- (e) Any records, reports or information submitted to the Department shall be available to the public except for such records, reports or information which meet the confidentiality requirements of § 4013.2 of the Air Pollution Control Act and §§ 112(d) and 114(c) of the Clean Air Act. The permittee may not request a claim of confidentiality for any emissions data generated for the facility.

**SECTION B. General State Only Requirements****#019 [25 Pa. Code §§ 127.441(c) & 135.5]****Sampling, Testing and Monitoring Procedures.**

(a) The permittee shall comply with the monitoring, recordkeeping or reporting requirements of 25 Pa. Code Chapter 139 and the other applicable requirements of 25 Pa. Code Article III and additional requirements related to monitoring, reporting and recordkeeping required by the Clean Air Act and the regulations thereunder including the Compliance Assurance Monitoring requirements of 40 CFR Part 64, where applicable.

(b) Unless alternative methodology is required by the Clean Air Act and regulations adopted thereunder, sampling, testing and monitoring required by or used by the permittee to demonstrate compliance with any applicable regulation or permit condition shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of 25 Pa. Code Chapter 139.

#020 [25 Pa. Code §§ 127.441(c) and 135.5]**Recordkeeping.**

(a) The permittee shall maintain and make available, upon request by the Department, the following records of monitored information:

- (1) The date, place (as defined in the permit) and time of sampling or measurements.
- (2) The dates the analyses were performed.
- (3) The company or entity that performed the analyses.
- (4) The analytical techniques or methods used.
- (5) The results of the analyses.
- (6) The operating conditions as existing at the time of sampling or measurement.

(b) The permittee shall retain records of any required monitoring data and supporting information for at least five (5) years from the date of the monitoring, sample, measurement, report or application. Supporting information includes the calibration data and maintenance records and original strip-chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, and copies of reports required by the permit.

(c) The permittee shall maintain and make available to the Department upon request, records including computerized records that may be necessary to comply with the reporting, recordkeeping and emission statement requirements in 25 Pa. Code Chapter 135 (relating to reporting of sources). In accordance with 25 Pa. Code Chapter 135, § 135.5, such records may include records of production, fuel usage, maintenance of production or pollution control equipment or other information determined by the Department to be necessary for identification and quantification of potential and actual air contaminant emissions.

#021 [25 Pa. Code § 127.441(a)]**Property Rights.**

This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privileges.

#022 [25 Pa. Code § 127.447]**Alternative Operating Scenarios.**

The permittee is authorized to make changes at the facility to implement alternative operating scenarios identified in this permit in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 127.447.

#023 [25 Pa. Code § 121.7]**Prohibition of Air Pollution**

No person may permit air pollution as that term is defined in the Air Pollution Control Act (35 P.S. §§ 4001-4015).

**SECTION B. General State Only Requirements****#024 [25 Pa. Code §135.3]****Reporting**

(a) If the facility is a Synthetic Minor Facility, the permittee shall submit by March 1 of each year an annual emissions report for the preceding calendar year. The report shall include information for all active previously reported sources, new sources which were first operated during the preceding calendar year, and sources modified during the same period which were not previously reported. All air emissions from the facility should be estimated and reported.

(b) A source owner or operator of a Synthetic Minor Facility may request an extension of time from the Department for the filing of an annual emissions report, and the Department may grant the extension for reasonable cause.

#025 [25 Pa. Code §135.4]**Report Format**

If applicable, the emissions reports shall contain sufficient information to enable the Department to complete its emission inventory. Emissions reports shall be made by the source owner or operator in a format specified by the Department.

**SECTION C. Site Level Requirements****I. RESTRICTIONS.****Emission Restriction(s).****# 001 [25 Pa. Code §123.1]****Prohibition of certain fugitive emissions**

(a) No person shall permit the emission into the outdoor atmosphere of any fugitive air contaminant from a source other than the following:

- (1) Construction or demolition of buildings or structures.
- (2) Grading, paving and maintenance of roads and streets.
- (3) Use of roads and streets. Emissions from material in or on trucks, railroad cars and other vehicular equipment are not considered as emissions from use of roads and streets.
- (4) Clearing of land.
- (5) Stockpiling of materials.
- (6) Open burning operations.
- (7) Sources and classes of sources other than those identified above, for which the operator has obtained a determination from the Department that fugitive emissions from the source, after appropriate control, meet the following requirements:
 - (i) the emissions are of minor significance with respect to causing air pollution;
 - (ii) the emissions are not preventing or interfering with the attainment or maintenance of any ambient air standard.

002 [25 Pa. Code §123.2]**Fugitive particulate matter**

No person shall permit the emission of particulate matter into the outdoor atmosphere from a source specified in Section C, Condition #001 if the emissions are visible at the point the emissions pass outside the person's property.

003 [25 Pa. Code §123.31]**Limitations**

No person shall permit the emission into the outdoor atmosphere of any malodorous air contaminants from any source in such a manner that the malodors are detectable outside the property of the person on whose land the source is being operated.

004 [25 Pa. Code §129.14]**Open burning operations**

(a) The permittee shall not allow the open burning of material on the permittee's property except when the open burning operations result from:

- (1) A fire set to prevent or abate a fire hazard, when approved by the Department and set by or under the supervision of a public officer.
- (2) A fire set for the purpose of instructing personnel in fire fighting, when approved by the Department.
- (3) A fire set for the prevention and control of disease or pests, when approved by the Department.
- (4) A fire set solely for recreational or ceremonial purposes.
- (5) A fire set solely for cooking food.

(b) This permit does not constitute authorization to burn solid waste pursuant to Section 610(3) of the Solid Waste Management Act, 35 P. S. Section 6018.610(3), or any other provision of the Solid Waste Management Act.

**SECTION C. Site Level Requirements****II. TESTING REQUIREMENTS.****# 005 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]****Operating permit terms and conditions.**

The Department reserves the right to require exhaust stack testing of the sources and control devices referenced in this permit to measure emissions for purposes including verification of permit condition compliance and estimation of annual air emissions.

006 [25 Pa. Code §139.1]**Sampling facilities.**

Upon the request of the Department, the permittee shall provide adequate sampling ports, safe sampling platforms and adequate utilities for the performance by the Department of tests on such sources. In the request, the Department will set forth, the time period in which the facilities shall be provided, as well as the specifications for the facilities.

III. MONITORING REQUIREMENTS.**# 007 [25 Pa. Code §123.43]****Measuring techniques**

Visible emissions may be measured using either of the following:

- (1) A device approved by the Department and maintained to provide accurate opacity measurements.
- (2) Observers, trained and certified in EPA Method 9, to measure plume opacity with the naked eye or with the aid of any devices approved by the Department.

IV. RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS.

No additional record keeping requirements exist except as provided in other sections of this permit including Section B (State Only General Requirements).

V. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**# 008 [25 Pa. Code §127.442]****Reporting requirements.**

The permittee shall report malfunctions to the Department. As defined in 40 CFR Section 60.2 and incorporated by reference in 25 Pa. Code Chapter 122, a malfunction is 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. Malfunctions shall be reported as follows:

- (a) Any malfunction which poses an imminent danger to the public health, safety, welfare and environment, shall be immediately reported to the Department by telephone. The telephone report of such malfunctions shall occur no later than two hours after the incident. The permittee shall submit a written report of instances of such malfunctions to the Department within three (3) days of the telephone report.
- (b) Unless otherwise required by this permit, any other malfunction that is not subject to the reporting requirements of part (a), above, shall be reported to the Department, in writing, within five (5) days of malfunction discovery.
- (c) Telephone reports can be made to the Air Quality Program at (570) 826-2511 during normal business hours or at any time.

VI. WORK PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS.**# 009 [25 Pa. Code §123.1]****Prohibition of certain fugitive emissions**

The permittee shall take all reasonable actions to prevent particulate matter from the sources identified in Section C, Condition #001(a)(1) through (a)(7) from becoming airborne. The actions shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Use, where possible, of water or chemicals for control of dust in the demolition of buildings or structures, construction operations, the grading of roads or the clearing of land.



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(2) Application of asphalt, oil, water or suitable chemicals on dirt roads, materials stockpiles and other surfaces which may give rise to airborne dusts.

(3) Paving and maintenance of roadways.

(4) Prompt removal of earth or other material from paved streets onto which earth or other material has been transported by trucking or earth moving equipment, erosion by water, or other means.

010 [25 Pa. Code §127.444]

Compliance requirements.

The permittee shall operate and maintain the emission sources and air cleaning devices referenced in this permit in accordance with the manufacturer's general recommendations and good air pollution control practices.

VII. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

No additional requirements exist except as provided in other sections of this permit including Section B (State Only General Requirements).

VIII. COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION.

No additional compliance certifications exist except as provided in other sections of this permit including Section B (relating to State Only General Requirements).

IX. COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE.

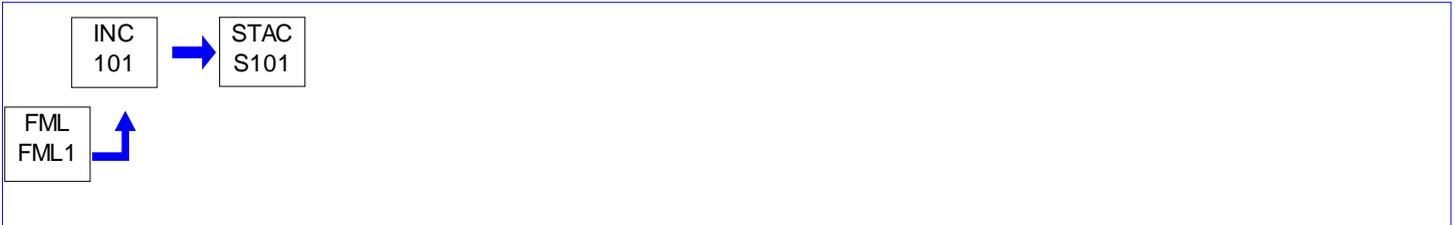
No compliance milestones exist.

**SECTION D. Source Level Requirements**

Source ID: 101

Source Name: MATTHEWS CREMATION UNIT

Source Capacity/Throughput:

**I. RESTRICTIONS.****Emission Restriction(s).**

001 [25 Pa. Code §123.21]

General

Sulfur compounds from the cremation unit shall not exceed 500 parts per million, by volume, dry basis in the effluent gas.

002 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]

Operating permit terms and conditions.

Particulate matter emissions from the cremation unit shall not exceed 0.08 gr/dscf, corrected to 7% oxygen.

003 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]

Operating permit terms and conditions.

The operation of the crematory shall not at any time result in visible emissions in excess of either of the following limitations:

- (a) Equal to or greater than 10% for a period or periods aggregating more than three minutes in any hour;
- (b) Equal to or greater than 30% at any time.

Fuel Restriction(s).

004 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]

Operating permit terms and conditions.

The crematory shall only burn liquid propane as fuel.

Throughput Restriction(s).

005 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]

Operating permit terms and conditions.

The owner or operator of the crematory must ensure that all medical devices (e.g. pacemakers, defibrillators, etc.) and potentially hazardous remedial devices (e.g. radioactive implants, etc.) have been removed from bodies and properly disposed of prior to cremation. Documentation certifying compliance with this requirement shall be maintained for each cremation.

006 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]

Operating permit terms and conditions.

The owner or operator of any crematory authorized to use this permit may only cremate human remains and the container used to transport the remains.

007 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]

Operating permit terms and conditions.

The owner or operator of any crematory authorized to use this permit may not incinerate any other type of waste (e.g. hospital, medical, hazardous, chemotherapeutic, radioactive, etc.). This permit authorizes the use of only Type V waste.

008 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]

Operating permit terms and conditions.

The owner or operator of any crematory authorized to use this permit may not cremate human bodies whose weight exceeds 750 pounds, including the weight of the container.

**SECTION D. Source Level Requirements****# 009 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]****Operating permit terms and conditions.**

The permittee shall ensure that the incineration rate (i.e., the weight of the charge divided by the duration) of the cremation cycle for human crematory unit does not exceed its rated capacity (175 lb/hr).

II. TESTING REQUIREMENTS.**# 010 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]****Operating permit terms and conditions.**

If, at any time, the Department has cause to believe that air contaminant emissions from the cremation unit authorized in this Operating Permit is in excess of the limitations specified in, or established pursuant to, any applicable regulation contained in 25 Pa. Code, Subpart C, Article III, the Department may require the permittee to conduct tests deemed necessary by the Department to determine the actual emission rate(s). The permittee shall perform such tests in accordance with applicable provisions of 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 139 (relating to sampling and testing) and in accordance with any restrictions or limitations established by the Department within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the date the Department notifies the permittee, in writing, of the testing requirement.

III. MONITORING REQUIREMENTS.**# 011 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]****Operating permit terms and conditions.**

(a) The permittee may open the loading door to this crematory unit during the cremation cycle to inspect and, if deemed necessary, reposition the charge. However, the permittee is still required to ensure that the crematory unit is operated in compliance with all terms and conditions specified in this operating permit, and that the emission of air contaminants from the crematory unit does not exceed any of the restrictions specified in this operating permit or established pursuant to any applicable rule or regulation contained in 25 Pa. Code, Article III.

(b) The permittee shall monitor the crematory unit for visible air contaminant emissions, via the opacity sensor of the crematory unit, whenever the loading door is opened for inspection and repositioning of the charge.

(c) The opacity monitoring device shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and the operator shall be instructed in the proper operation and maintenance of the opacity monitoring device as part of the operator training program required by this permit. The operator must observe the output readings during each cremation cycle, and readings in excess of the applicable opacity limitations shall be addressed as follows:

(1) If any visible or odor emissions are apparent, the permittee shall take immediate action to eliminate them; and

(2) If any visible or odor emissions are apparent after the corrective action, the crematory shall not start another cremation cycle until the permittee can verify compliance with the visible emission limitations specified in Condition 003 through methods prescribed in 25 Pa. Code § 123.43, such as Method 9 readings taken by a certified visible emissions reader.

IV. RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS.**# 012 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]****Operating permit terms and conditions.**

The permittee shall install, maintain, and operate temperature monitors to measure and continuously record the temperature at the exit from the primary combustion chamber and at the exit from the secondary (or last) chamber of the cremation unit. Sensors shall be located such that flames from the burners do not impinge on the sensors. The permittee shall maintain these records for a minimum of five years and shall make them available to Department representatives upon request.

013 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]**Operating permit terms and conditions.**

The permittee shall maintain records of:

(a) Visible emission observations and any corrective actions;

(b) The temperature of the primary and secondary combustion chamber during each cremation cycle on a continuous basis;

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- (c) The amount and type of fuel used on a monthly basis;
- (d) The hours of operation;
- (e) The number of cremations performed;
- (f) The time, date, and duration of when the charge door is opened during the cremation cycle;
- (g) Operator training certifications and training program content;
- (h) Burner adjustments and maintenance;
- (i) Thermocouple calibrations, adjustments and replacements;
- (j) The removal from the body and proper disposal of any implanted electronic devices and potentially hazardous remedial devices.

The permittee shall maintain these records for a minimum of five years and shall make them available to Department representatives upon request.

V. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**# 014 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]****Operating permit terms and conditions.**

The company, within one hour of discovery of occurrence, shall notify the Department, at 610-826-2511, of any malfunction, recordkeeping and reporting errors, or other possible non-compliance issues, which result in, or may possibly be resulting in, the emission of air contaminants in excess of the limitations specified in, or established pursuant to, any applicable rule or regulations contained in Article III of the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection. A written report shall be submitted to the Department within five working days following the incident describing the malfunction, recordkeeping, and reporting error or other non-compliance issue and the corrective actions being taken. The Department may take enforcement action for any violations of the applicable standards.

VI. WORK PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS.**# 015 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]****Operating permit terms and conditions.**

The permittee shall not use this cremation unit to dispose of any animals used for commercial or medical experimentation purposes.

016 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]**Operating permit terms and conditions.**

- (a) Before charging the unit, the temperature at the exit of the secondary (or last) chamber shall achieve and be maintained at or above 1600°F throughout the cremation cycle.
- (b) The crematory incinerator shall provide an interlock system that precludes charging of the primary chamber until the secondary (or last) chamber exit temperature is established and holding at 1600°F.
- (c) Operators may open the charge door during the cremation cycle for short periods of time to inspect or reposition the remains. In the event that the owner or operator opens the charge door, the owner or operator shall follow the manufacturer's recommended written specifications for operating the unit during inspection or repositioning of the remains and keep records of the activity according to Section D, Source 101, Condition #013(f).
- (d) The manufacturer's representative or another qualified technician shall adjust the burners after the unit is constructed or modified and before the new or modified unit is first operated and at other appropriate times such as when the use of an approved fuel is initiated and when visible emissions are observed.

017 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]**Operating permit terms and conditions.**

The cremation unit shall be operated and maintained in a manner consistent with good operating and maintenance practices.

018 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]**Operating permit terms and conditions.**

The crematory shall be attended by a trained operator at all times when the unit(s) is/are in operation.

**SECTION D. Source Level Requirements****# 019 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]****Operating permit terms and conditions.**

The cremation unit shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and the applicable terms and conditions of this permit.

020 [25 Pa. Code §127.441]**Operating permit terms and conditions.**

The manufacturer's representative or another qualified training source shall provide adequate instruction to all operators of each new crematory and to new operators of existing crematories including hands-on control of the unit for at least two operating cycles. The training shall include all of the following elements:

- (a) Principles of combustion;
- (b) Operating monitors and controls;
- (c) Operating sequence under normal conditions;
- (d) Safety and operating procedures under foreseeable upset conditions (e.g. power or fuel interruption, burner malfunction, visible emissions, high and low temperature incidents, etc);
- (e) Regulatory requirements;
- (f) Calibration, adjustment and replacement of thermocouples;
- (g) Preventive maintenance practices and procedures and recommended frequency; and
- (h) Recordkeeping requirements and procedures.

VII. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

No additional requirements exist except as provided in other sections of this permit including Section B (State Only General Requirements).



SECTION E. Source Group Restrictions.



SECTION F. Alternative Operation Requirements.

No Alternative Operations exist for this State Only facility.

**SECTION G. Emission Restriction Summary.**

No emission restrictions listed in this section of the permit.

**SECTION H. Miscellaneous.**

The Natural Minor Operating Permit application was received on December 22, 2025. The annual operating permit maintenance fee shall be submitted to the Department in accordance with 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 127, Section 127.703 (Section B, Condition #004(a) of this operating permit). The annual maintenance fees are due no later than December 31, annually.

-Plan approval for the facility is 45-00034A



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