

POTPOURRI**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Services
Air Permits Division****Renewal of Minor Source Air Permits**

On February 20, 2015, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) promulgated amendments to LAC 33:III.503 (AQ266) which established a regulatory framework setting forth maximum terms and renewal procedures for minor source air permits. Per R.S. 30:2023(A), permits “shall have, as a matter of law, a term of not more than ten years.” (0415Pot2)

According to AQ266, permits issued to minor sources of air emissions shall have an effective term of 10 years, unless a shorter period is provided in the permit. Any revision or reopening of the permit, except for administrative amendments and approvals to relocate, shall establish the start of a new permit term.

Applications to renew existing permits that will expire (or would have expired) on or before December 31, 2015, shall be due according to the schedule below. In order to manage the increased workload, DEQ has staggered the due dates so the permit applications can be processed efficiently, without delaying the processing of applications for new sources and permit modifications.

- **October 1, 2015:** permits that were issued or last modified prior to January 1, 1999.
- **October 1, 2016:** permits that were issued or last modified after January 1, 1999, but prior to January 1, 2003.
- **October 1, 2017:** permits that were issued or last modified after January 1, 2003, but prior to January 1, 2006.

Applications to renew existing permits that will expire after January 1, 2016, shall be submitted in accordance with LAC 33:III.503.C.3.a. These applications must be submitted at least 6 months prior to their date of expiration and may be due by July 2, 2015 (i.e., for permits issued January 2, 2006).

In order to renew an existing permit, owners or operators must complete the Application for Approval of Emissions of Air Pollutants from Minor Sources in its entirety. The application forms are available on DEQ’s website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2758/Default.aspx>.

Owners or operators of facilities that have ceased operations or that no longer require an air permit per the statutory exemption described at LAC 33:III.501.B.2.d should request a permit rescission using the Application for Approval of Miscellaneous Air Permitting Activities, which is also available on the webpage.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Bryan D. Johnston of the Air Permits Division at (225) 219-3450.

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