

**Chapter NR 410**

**AIR PERMIT, EMISSION AND INSPECTION FEES**

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**NR 410.01 Applicability; purpose. (1) APPLICABILITY.** This chapter applies to all owners or operators of air contaminant sources and to any other person who may be required to pay a fee under s. 285.69, Stats.

**(2) PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish, pursuant to s. 285.69, Stats., the requirements and the procedures for the payment of application fees and emission fees by persons who are required to obtain construction or operation permits for air contaminant sources, application fees by persons who request a determination of exemption from the requirement to obtain an air pollution control permit and asbestos inspection fees by persons responsible for nonresidential asbestos demolition and renovation projects.

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**NR 410.02 Definitions.** The definitions contained in ch. NR 400 apply to the terms used in this chapter. In addition, the following definitions apply to the terms used in this chapter:

**(2) "Emissions offset"** means the reduction of emissions from existing sources to compensate for the increase in emissions from the construction, reconstruction, replacement or modification and operation of the source which is the subject of the permit application.

**(3) "Environmental assessment"** has the meaning given in s. NR 150.02 (9).

**(4) "Facility"** means all stationary sources emitting air contaminants which belong to the same industrial grouping, are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties, and are under the control of the same person, or persons under common control. Emissions resulting from loading, unloading or stockpiling materials to or from vessels or vehicles while at a facility shall be considered as part of the facility's emissions. Air contaminant sources, other than transportation related activities, shall be considered as part of the same industrial grouping if they are classified under the same 2-digit major group as described in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987, incorporated by reference in s. NR 484.05 (1).

**(5) "MACT"** means maximum achievable control technology for hazardous air pollutant emissions as promulgated by the EPA under section 112 (d) of the act (42 USC 7412 (d)) or established by the department under section 112 (g) of the act (42 USC 7412 (g)).

**(6) "Minor source"** means any direct source which is not a major source as defined in s. NR 407.02 (4).

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**NR 410.03 Application fee.** Any person required under s. 285.60, Stats., to obtain a construction permit for a direct source shall pay an application fee which is the sum of the basic fee under sub. (1) and any additional fees under sub. (2). Any person requesting revision of a direct source construction permit shall pay the basic fee in sub. (1) (a) 5. Any person required under s. NR 406.04 (1) (i) to obtain a determination of exemption from the department shall pay the basic fee under sub. (1) (b). Any person required under s. 285.60, Stats., to obtain a construction permit for an indirect source or a determination of an exemption under s. NR 411.04 for an indirect source shall pay the appropriate fee under sub. (3).

**(1) BASIC DIRECT SOURCE FEES.** (a) Each person issued a construction permit for a direct source shall pay the following basic fee:

1. \$2,300 if the application is not reviewed under ch. NR 405 or 408, and the application is for a new facility or for an emissions unit to be located at a minor source.

2. \$4,400, for a modification not defined as major in s. NR 405.02 (21) or 408.02 (20), when the application is for an emissions unit to be located at a major source as defined in s. NR 407.02 (4).

3. \$8,000, for a major modification as defined in s. NR 405.02 (21) or 408.02 (20), unless and the emissions unit is a major stationary source as defined in s. NR 405.02 (22) or a major source as defined in s. NR 408.02 (21).

4. \$12,000, for a major stationary source as defined in s. NR 405.02 (22) or a major source as defined in s. NR 408.02 (21).

**Note:** Subdivision 4. applies to both construction of a new facility and to construction of an emissions unit which itself constitutes a major source and is to be located at an existing facility.

5. \$1,100, for revision of a construction permit when requested by the permit holder or the permit holder's agent.

**Note:** Once a construction permit has expired, it may no longer be revised, and the permit holder must obtain a new construction permit before proceeding.

(b) Any person requiring a determination of exemption under s. NR 406.04 (1) (i) shall pay a fee of \$800.

(c) The basic fees in par. (a) shall be reduced by \$150 if the permit applicant publishes the class 1 newspaper notice required under s. 285.61 (5) (c), Stats.

(d) Any person who applies for a construction permit for a direct source shall submit a \$1,350 fee with the application. This fee may not be refunded unless the department determines that a permit is not required. When a fee is required under par. (b), only the amount not required to cover the fee will be refunded.

(e) When a construction permit application is received for a source where the basic emissions unit, which is not a portable source, is to be installed at one specified facility and, in the same application, a request is also made to issue construction permits to allow installation of the same basic emissions unit at other facilities at different locations and all the facilities for which construction permits are requested are under common ownership or control, the permit applicant shall pay the basic fee specified in par. (a) plus the additional fees in sub. (2). The fee for each additional construction permit at different locations shall be \$400 each, plus the fees in sub. (2) except when the action specified in sub. (2) has

been completed for one location and a separate action as set forth in sub. (2) is not required for each additional permit at each different location. When an action covered under sub. (2) must be completed for applications at more than one location, the fee in sub. (2) shall be charged for each time the action is completed.

(2) **ADDITIONAL DIRECT SOURCE FEES.** Each person issued a construction permit for a direct source shall pay all the following additional fees which apply:

(a) \$400 per basic emissions unit if review and analysis of 2 or more basic emissions units is required.

(b) \$1,350, if an analysis of alternatives under s. NR 408.08 (2) is required.

(c) \$3,350, if an emission offset under ch. NR 408 or the determination of a net emissions increase under ch. NR 405 is required.

(d) \$2,700, for each case-by-case determination of maximum achievable control technology (MACT), best available control technology (BACT) or lowest achievable emission rate (LAER). This does not apply to BACT or LAER determinations made under ch. NR 445.

(e) \$700, for a minor source or minor modification to a major source whose projected air quality impact requires a detailed air quality modeling analysis.

(f) \$3,200, for any source, other than a minor source or minor modification to a major source, whose projected air quality impact requires a detailed air quality modeling analysis.

(g) \$650, if the source is subject to an emission limitation under chs. NR 446 to 483, or if the permit establishes an emission limit for a hazardous air contaminant listed in Table 1, 2, 4 or 5 of ch. NR 445.

(h) If the construction permit requires emission testing, \$1,350 for the first air contaminant tested and \$950 for each additional air contaminant tested up to a maximum of \$4,200. If the department later finds that some or all of the tests are not required, the corresponding fees shall be refunded.

(i) \$1,050, if an environmental assessment under ch. NR 150 is required.

(j) \$950, if a public hearing is held at the request of the applicant or the applicant's agent.

(k) \$400 for each basic emissions unit at a source which requires an emission limit determination under s. NR 424.03 (2) (c).

(L) \$1,350, for each case-by-case determination of best available control technology (BACT) or lowest achievable emission rate (LAER) required under ch. NR 445. If the department makes a single BACT or LAER determination addressing the control of multiple air contaminants, the source shall be billed for only one BACT or LAER determination under this paragraph.

(m) \$2,150, if specific permit conditions limiting the potential to emit are required to make the source a minor source or to make the modification a minor modification.

(n) \$2,650, for a medical waste incinerator requiring review of a needs and siting analysis under s. 285.63 (10), Stats.

(o) If the applicant requests, in writing, that the permit be issued in a shorter time interval than the time interval allowed under s. 285.61, Stats., and the department is able to comply with the request:

1. \$2,650, for an application not subject to review under ch. NR 405 or 408 if the permit is issued within 50 days of receipt of a complete application.

2. \$4,000, for an application reviewed under ch. NR 405 or 408 if the permit is issued within 60 days of receipt of a complete application.

3. \$2,650, for an application reviewed under ch. NR 405 or 408 if the permit is issued within 61 to 90 days of receipt of a complete application.

(3) **INDIRECT SOURCE FEES.** (a) Each person who applies for and is issued a construction permit for an indirect source shall pay the following amounts:

1. \$5,750 if the permit application is for an indirect source.

2. An additional \$2,500 if the permit application is for an indirect source which requires an environmental assessment under ch. NR 150.

(b) When the permit applicant requests in writing that the permit be issued in a shorter time interval than the total time interval allowed under s. 285.61, Stats., and the department is able to comply with the request, one of the following additional fees shall apply:

1. \$3,000 for an application for an indirect source if the permit is issued within 60 days of receipt of a complete application.

2. \$1,500 for an application for an indirect source if the permit is issued within 61 to 90 days of receipt of a complete application.

(c) Any person requiring a determination of exemption under s. NR 411.04 (2) (c) shall pay a fee of \$275.

(d) The fee under par. (a) shall be reduced by \$150 if the permit applicant publishes the class 1 newspaper notice required under s. 285.61 (5) (c), Stats.

(e) Any person who applies for a construction permit for an indirect source shall submit \$1,000 with the application. This \$1,000 may not be refunded unless the department determines that a permit is not required. When a fee is required under par. (c), only the amount not required under par. (c) will be refunded.

(4) **PAYMENT.** The department shall bill the applicant for the construction permit application fee when the permit is issued. The application fee shall be paid within 30 days of the date of the billing statement. The department may not issue the operation permit to the facility until the application fee is paid in full.

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#### NR 410.04 Annual emission fee. (1) FEE REQUIRED.

Except as provided under sub. (3), any person who owns or operates a facility for which an operation permit is required under s. 285.60, Stats., shall pay an annual emission fee to the department at the rate specified in s. 285.69 (2), Stats.

(2) **AIR CONTAMINANTS SUBJECT TO FEE.** (a) Except as provided under par. (b), the annual emission fee shall be based on the annual actual emissions of the air contaminants listed in Table 1 of s. NR 438.03, as those annual actual emissions are recorded in the annual emission inventory prepared by the department under s. NR 438.03 (5).

(b) The following emissions are exempt from the emission fees required under this section:

1. Emissions from any acid rain phase I affected unit for the years 1995 through 1999.

2. Except as provided under sub. (4), emissions in excess of 4,000 tons per year of any air contaminant from any one facility.

3. Emissions of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

4. Emission reduction credits reported as actual emissions.

(c) For the purpose of charging fees, the following groups of air contaminants shall be considered single air contaminants:

1. Particulate matter and PM<sub>10</sub>.

2. Reduced sulfur compounds, mercaptans, hydrogen sulfide and total reduced sulfur.

3. Air contaminants reported as both a hazardous air contaminant and as either a particulate or volatile organic compound. The air contaminants which are not eligible for this exemption are identified by footnote number 3 in Table 1 of s. NR 438.03.

**(3) FACILITIES EXEMPT FROM ANNUAL EMISSIONS FEES.** The following facilities are exempt from the requirement to pay annual emissions fees under s. 285.69 (2), Stats., and this section:

(a) Any facility whose total annual actual emissions of all air contaminants listed in Table 1 of s. NR 438.03, and annotated with footnote 3, are less than 5 tons.

(b) Indirect sources of air pollution.

**(4) UTILITIES WITH ACID RAIN PHASE I AFFECTED UNITS.** Notwithstanding sub. (2) (b) 2., the department shall charge fees on emissions in excess of 4,000 tons per year of any air contaminant from any facility operated by a utility that owns or operates an acid rain phase I affected unit to the extent necessary to recover the fees that would have been charged to that utility if the exemption under sub. (2) (b) 1. did not exist.

**(5) PAYMENT.** Annual emission fees shall be paid to the department within 30 days of receipt of the bill.

**(6) DISPUTED PAYMENT.** (a) The owner or operator of a facility who disputes its annual emissions fee may request, in writing, that the department review the fee. Such a request shall be filed within 30 days of receipt of the bill. The department shall review and supply to the facility, within 14 calendar days of receipt of the written request, all information used to calculate the annual emissions fee. If the facility continues to dispute the fee, it shall supply to the department, within 14 calendar days after receipt of this information, the reasons it disputes the fee. The facility shall be notified by the department, within 7 calendar days of receipt of this information, whether the fee will be adjusted. If the facility continues to dispute the fee, it may appeal the department's final decision pursuant to s. 285.81, Stats.

(b) The facility shall pay the amount of fee not in dispute within 30 days of receipt of the bill.

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**NR 410.05 Asbestos abatement project permit exemption review and inspection fees.** **(1) FEES REQUIRED.** Any person who submits an asbestos abatement notification under ch. NR 447 shall pay the fees in subs. (2) and (3). The fees shall be submitted with the completed notification required under ch. NR 447 and are non-refundable.

**(2) PERMIT EXEMPTION REVIEW FEE.** Any person requiring a determination of exemption under s. NR 406.04 (1) (n) shall pay one of the following amounts:

(a) \$50 for a determination of exemption if the asbestos renovation or demolition operation involves at least 260 linear feet or at least 160 square feet of friable asbestos containing material and a combined square and linear footage of less than 1000. The combination of square and linear footage shall be determined by adding the square footage of asbestos containing material on all areas

other than pipes to the linear footage of asbestos containing material on pipes.

(b) \$125 for a determination of exemption if the asbestos renovation or demolition operation involves friable asbestos material with a combined square and linear footage of equal to or greater than 1000. The combination of square and linear footage shall be determined by the method given in par. (a).

**(3) INSPECTION FEE.** The amount of the asbestos abatement project inspection fee shall be:

(a) \$50 if, in a facility being demolished, the amount of friable asbestos containing material is less than 260 linear feet on pipes and less than 160 square feet on other facility components.

(b) \$100 if the asbestos renovation or demolition operation involves at least 260 linear feet or at least 160 square feet of friable asbestos material and a combined square and linear footage of less than 1000. The combination of square and linear footage shall be determined by the method given in sub. (2) (a).

(c) \$210 if the asbestos renovation or demolition operation involves friable asbestos material with a combined square and linear footage of equal to or greater than 1000. The combination of square and linear footage shall be determined by the method given in sub.(2) (a).

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1995, No. 470, eff. 3-1-95; CR 01-055: am. (3) (c), Register January 2002 No. 553, eff. 2-1-02.

**NR 410.06 Severe ozone nonattainment area major source fee.** **(1) FEE REQUIRED.** Except as provided in sub. (3), any person who owns or operates a stationary source which emits or has the potential to emit 25 tons per year of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and which is located in Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington or Waukesha county shall pay a fee, computed in accordance with sub. (2), beginning in 2008 and in each calendar year thereafter until the county in which the stationary source is located is redesignated as an attainment area for the 1-hour ozone standard. The fee required under this section shall be paid at the time that the annual emission fee under s. NR 410.04 is paid.

**(2) COMPUTATION OF FEE.** (a) *Fee amount.* The fee required under sub. (1) shall equal \$5,000, adjusted in accordance with par. (c), per ton of VOCs emitted by the source during the previous calendar year in excess of 80% of the baseline amount, computed under par. (b).

(b) *Baseline amount.* For purposes of this section, the baseline amount shall be computed, in accordance with any guidance which the administrator may provide, as the lower of the amount of actual VOC emissions or the VOC emissions allowed under either a permit or emission limitations applicable to the source, during calendar year 2007.

(c) *Annual adjustment.* The fee amount under par. (a) shall be adjusted annually, beginning in 1990, by the percentage, if any, by which the consumer price index, as defined in section 502(b)(3)(B)(v) of the act (42 USC 7661a (b)(3)(B)(v)), has been adjusted.

**(3) EXCEPTION.** No person who owns or operates a stationary source is required to pay any fee under sub. (1) with respect to emissions during any year that is treated as an extension year under section 181(a)(5) of the act (42 USC 7511(a)(5)).

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 2001, No. 541, eff. 2-1-01.