

Facts Regarding the General Air Quality Control Permit for Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs) - August 2011

OVERVIEW OF THE GENERAL PERMIT FOR WWTPs

On Aug. 4, 2011, ADEQ issued a general permit for Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs). General permits are issued to a class of facilities which are similar in nature, have substantially similar emissions and are subject to substantially similar requirements. Once a general permit is in place, facilities can apply for coverage under it and take advantage of a streamlined application process, lower fees and standardized requirements. Facilities can begin construction or operation under a general permit upon the submittal of a completed application.

The general permit for WWTPs is valid for five years. The major activities covered by this general permit are the wastewater treatment activities (including odor controls), fuel burning boilers and fuel burning generators.

WHICH WWTPs ARE COVERED BY THIS PERMIT?

A WWTP may trigger the need for a permit if it has fuel burning boilers or fuel burning generators. If a WWTP does not have fuel burning equipment, it is possible that no air quality permit is needed. Please contact the ADEQ personnel listed below for assistance in determining permit applicability.

This general permit is available for WWTPs in all areas of the State except in Maricopa, Pinal and Pima counties. WWTPs located in those counties should contact the appropriate county agency to determine if an air quality permit is necessary.

WHAT IF A WWTP ALREADY HAS AN AIR QUALITY CONTROL PERMIT?

If a WWTP is covered under a different general permit, such as the general permit for generators or the general permit for boilers, that permit is no longer appropriate. Please apply for the general permit for WWTPs. The fees for the general permit for WWTPs will be the same as the general permit that is currently held.

If a WWTP is currently covered by an individual permit, it is not required to be covered under the general permit for WWTPs but general permits have much lower fees than individual permits. Please contact ADEQ to determine if your facility qualifies for the general permit for WWTPs.

WHAT IF A WWTP DOES NOT HAVE AN AIR QUALITY CONTROL PERMIT?

Many WWTPs have fuel burning equipment, such as boilers and generators that could trigger the need for a permit. Please contact ADEQ for more information.

WHAT ARE THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PERMIT?

The general permit for WWTPs has a \$500 application fee. There is also an annual fee of \$3,020 or \$4,520 depending on the size, type, and date of manufacture of any boilers or generators.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THIS PERMIT?

The application for this general permit is available online at: <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/air/permits/download/gnwwtpsapp.pdf>.

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