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Ohio EPA Updates Four General Permits for Air Emission Sources

Ohio EPA is accepting comments on two revised general air permits-to-install and -operate (PTIOs) and is making two other general air PTIOs available for use.

New general permits now available for application cover air emissions from tub grinders and portable diesel engines.

Modifications have been made and public comments are being accepted on two additional general permits that would be used to regulate aggregate processing plants and dry cleaning facilities. Comments are being taken until August 24, 2011.

The aggregate processing permit would include a requirement that a permittee notifies Ohio EPA of their intent to test an emissions unit. Failure to notify at least 30 days prior to testing could cause the emissions test results to be invalidated.

Existing air general permits include those that cover:

- [aggregate processing](#);
- [boilers](#);
- [dry cleaning operations](#);
- [mineral extraction](#);
- [miscellaneous metal parts painting lines](#);
- [paved roadways and parking areas](#);
- [portable diesel engines \(compression ignition internal combustion engine\)](#);
- [ready mix concrete batch plants](#);
- [storage piles](#);
- [tub grinders](#); and
- [unpaved roadways and parking areas](#).

There are two types of discharge permits: general and individual. An individual permit is specific to a facility, the location, the emissions unit and other unique characteristics of the emissions source. When many individual permits contain very similar or identical requirements, a general permit may be developed. A general permit covers all facilities with similar emissions meeting the same eligibility criteria. Public comments on the conditions of a general permit are considered when the general permit is created or reviewed, rather than for each project. Statewide general permits are reviewed and revised every five years.

Additional information on these general permits and the general permit program can be found at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/genpermit/genpermits.aspx>. Questions or comments regarding the general permits may be directed to Cheryl Suttman, (614) 644-3617, or cheryl.suttman@epa.state.oh.us, or they may be mailed to Cheryl's attention at Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049.