

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
TITLE V PERMIT PROGRAM FUNDING

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To announce a public comment opportunity on the establishment of fees to fund the Title V Permit Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 16, 2012 through May 25, 2012

TOPIC OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: DEQ is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on draft final amendments to the regulations establishing fees for funding the Title V permit programs. The 2012-14 budget bill (item 365, subsection B) includes a requirement that the State Air Pollution Control Board adopt regulations adjusting permit program emissions fees and establishing permit application processing fees and permit maintenance fees sufficient to ensure that revenue covers total direct and indirect program costs. All of the fees are to be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index. Other provisions in the bill require that (i) all emission fees are to be collected annually, (ii) the initial adjustment of emission fees shall not exceed 30 percent over current fee rates, (iii) permit application fees shall not be credited toward the amount of emission fees owed, (iv) regulations adopted to implement the provisions of this item shall be exempt from the Administrative Process Act, and (v) the regulations are to be effective no later than July 1, 2012.

A copy of the draft final regulation will be available on the web at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Air/PublicNotices/AirRegulations.aspx>.

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