

# Environmental Alert



## NJDEP ISSUES NEW PERMIT FOR EMERGENCY GENERATORS

The NJDEP recently issued a new air permit for Emergency Generators entitled: General Permit (GP-005A) for “Emergency Generator(s) Burning Distillate Fuels.”

The NJDEP requires an air permit for any emergency generator with a gross heat input of 1.0 Million Btu/hr and larger (approximately 75kW and larger). This permitting trigger applies to any emergency generator regardless of the combusted fuel type.

### What is NJDEP doing?

NJDEP is in the process of mailing notification letters to affected sites with information on the new permit. If you have an existing generator air permit, you should be receiving this notification letter prior to its expiration.

It is important to note that this new general permit only covers generators burning distillate fuels (diesel) and does not cover natural gas fired generators. At this time, you are required to acquire a source specific preconstruction permit for any natural gas fired generator rated 1.0 Million Btu/hr and larger.

If payment of your current GP-005 renewal fee was not received by the NJDEP by May 19, 2014, your current generator permit will not be renewed. NJDEP's database will automatically remove all existing GP-005 permits when they come up for their 5-year renewal.

### Who does this affect?

This new permit affects anyone who operates a diesel or natural gas fired generator or is planning to install a new emergency generator rated at 1.0 Million Btu/hr and larger.

As stated by NJDEP, generator(s) currently registered under the old air

permit can continue to operate until:

- The current general permit expiration date, before which time the registrant must register for authorization under GP-005A, as applicable, or apply for and receive approval for a source-specific permit and certificate for continued operation of the generator(s); or
- The generator(s) is replaced or modified, before which time the registrant must register for authorization under GP-005A, as applicable, or apply for and receive approval for a source specific permit and certificate prior to operation of the replaced or modified generator(s).

### What do I need to do?

If you install a new diesel fired generator you need to apply for this permit. If you already have an existing permit for your generator(s), when your current generator permit expires, you cannot renew the old permit and must apply for the new GP-005A permit.

If you install a new natural gas fired generator OR your old permit for your natural gas generator(s) expires you must apply for a Preconstruction Permit (PCP) through the NJDEP using their RADIUS permitting software.

### Additional information can be found at:

NJDEP Enforcement Advisory

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/advisories/2014-07.pdf>

NJDEP Air Quality Permitting Program

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/aqpp/archived/gp005a.html>

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