

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES**

Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period

Concerning proposed Amendments to Air Pollution Control Regulations No. 8 “Sulfur Content of Fuels” and Air Pollution Control Regulations No. 20 “Burning of Alternative Fuels”

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to Air Pollution Control Regulations No. 8 “Sulfur Content of Fuels” and Air Pollution Control Regulations No. 20 “Burning of Alternative Fuels”, will be held in Room 230 of the Department of Environmental Management, at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island on Friday April 11, 2014 at 10:00 AM, at which time interested parties will be heard.

The Department is proposing to revise Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 8 to lower the allowable limits on the sulfur content of petroleum-based distillate and residual fuel oils and remove some outdated provisions of the regulation. The proposed revisions would reduce the sulfur content (by weight) of:

- Distillate oil to 0.05 percent (500 ppm) by no later than 2014 (Phase I);
- Distillate oil to 0.0015 percent (15 ppm) by no later than 2018, depending on supply availability (Phase II);
- Residual oil to 0.5 percent (5000 ppm) by no later than 2018.

The outdated provisions that are proposed to be removed are subsections 8.3.2 “Emission Bubbling”, 8.3.3 “Conversion and Conservation Incentive”, 8.3.4 “Large Fuel Burning Devices Using Coal” and 8.4.2 “Residual Fuel Oil Shipments to Marine Terminals.

Additionally, DEM is proposing a revision to APC Regulation No. 20 to revise the sulfur content limitation of alternative fuels so that they are consistent with the proposed amendments to APC Regulation No. 8.

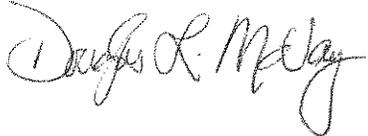
DEM has complied with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-35-3 by considering alternative approaches to the proposed regulations and has determined that there is no alternative approach that would be as effective and less burdensome. DEM has also determined that the proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any other state regulation. DEM has complied with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-35-3.3, 42-35.1-3 and 42-35.1-4 by preparing an Economic Impact Statement and a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis and providing these to the Office of Regulatory Reform.

Copies of the proposed amendments and a Fact Sheet are available at the Office of Air Resources at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island or on the Department's web site at www.dem.ri.gov. Written comments on the proposed amendments may be sent to the Office of Air Resources at the above address until 4:00 PM, April 14, 2014, at that time the comment period will end, unless extended by the hearing officer. It is requested that persons who wish to

make oral comments during the public hearing submit a copy of their statement for the record.

The Department of Environmental Management building is accessible to those with disabilities. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodation should contact the Office of Air Resources at TCDD (401) 222-6800, or (401) 222-2808, or toll free at 1-800-752-8088, at least three business days prior to the hearing.

Signed this 14th day of March, 2014.

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Douglas L. McVay, Chief
Office of Air Resources