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November 19, 2021

Title V Air Quality Permit Holders:

This letter serves to inform you of changes to the North Carolina Division of Air Quality Title V annual and permit application fees effective November 18, 2021. The new fees pursuant to 15A NCAC 02Q .0203 are summarized in the attached table.

These fee changes conclude a lengthy process started in 2019 to modernize the Title V fee structure and fulfill Clean Air Act Section 502(b)(3) requirements to collect fees "sufficient to cover all reasonable (direct and indirect) costs required to develop and administer" the Title V program. This process included research and analysis, stakeholder involvement, industrial outreach, rulemaking, public comment, and finally legislative approval.

A few highlights of the fee changes effective November 18, 2021 are as follows:

- Permit application fee increases for minor modifications and significant modifications.
- Annual fee increases for the basic permit fee and per ton fee.
- A new annual "complexity fee" based on the number of federal programs applicable to the Title V facility. This new complexity fee component balances fees towards more complex facilities that require additional Division resources for program implementation.

The new Title V annual fees will first affect those facilities invoiced in December 2021. The new application fees will take effect immediately. Also please note the fees will soon change again on January 1, 2022 as required annually by rule 15A NCAC 02Q .0204 "Inflation Adjustment" for the annual consumer price index adjustment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to reach out to any of your Division Regional or Central Office contacts.

Sincerely,

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Michael A. Abraczinskas, Director
Division of Air Quality, NCDEQ

Attachment

