

July 8, 2004

MEMORANDUM

To: DAQ Regional Supervisors

From: Keith Overcash

Subject: Fire Training on Code Orange/Red Days

Some confusion has arisen about whether the newly amended open burning rule allows burning for fire-training purposes on Code Orange or worse Air Quality Action Days for ozone. The rule change was intended to restrict fires at off-site structures (such as old barns, houses and mobile homes) for training purposes, but was not meant to restrict burning at permanent fire-training facilities.

We are working with the EMC Air Quality Committee to develop an amendment to the rule that specifically allows burning at permanent fire-training facilities with no restrictions with regard to Air Quality Action Days. Due to the length of the rule-making process, however, it could take some time for the EMC to adopt an amendment. In the interim, the Division of Air Quality will consider fires at permanent fire-training facilities to be exempt from the restrictions.

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