



Tax Certifications

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Basics of Applying for Tax Certifications

What is Certifiable?

- Has been or will be constructed or installed.
- The equipment complies with the requirements of the EMC (or local program).
- The equipment complies with the terms and conditions of permits and other documents approved and issued by the EMC.
- The equipment will have as its PRIMARY (rather than incidental) purpose the reduction of air pollution resulting from the emission of air contaminants
- Is being used exclusively (100%) for the reduction of air pollution



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- Other considerations
- For equipment to be certified and remain certified the equipment should always comply with Air Quality (or other pollution control programs).
- Equipment has the primary purpose rather than incidental purpose of the reduction of air pollution control.
- The word “Exclusively means 100% of it use – no margin of error.



Examples

- Installation of air pollution control devices (bag filters, thermal oxidizers, scrubbers)
- Replacement of catalyst in a catalytic oxidizer
- Injection systems or cyclones – if primary purpose is the reduction of air pollution
- Water trucks used to keep dust levels to a minimum






Tax Certification Form

- Form can be found on NC DAQ website under link to Permitting
- <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/air-quality-permits/modifying-applying-for-air-quality-permit>



Modifying or Applying for an Air Quality Permit

<p>PERMIT APPLICATION FORMS Permit application forms for Title V and non-Title V Facilities</p>	<p>SMALL FACILITIES Permit Application, Permit Exemption, and Registration for Small Facilities</p>
<p>TITLE V MINOR MODIFICATIONS Implementing Title V Minor Modifications prior to permit revision in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q .0515.</p>	<p>502(b)(10) CHANGES Notification form for Title V 502(b)(10) changes and application forms.</p>
<p>GENERAL PERMITS General Permits issued for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW Title V Sources (in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q .0509): New Air Curtain Incinerator Units NEW • Non-Title V Sources (in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q .0310): Emergency Generators, Cotton Ginning, Yarn Spinning Plants, and Concrete Batch Plants. 	<p>ZONING CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION NOTE - PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED FOR AIR PERMITS IN AREAS WITHOUT ZONING. Press Release • Zoning Rule ☑ • DAQ Policy ☑</p>
<p>CHANGES NOT REQUIRING PERMIT REVISIONS - 15A NCAC 02Q .0318 Applies to Non-Title V facilities that have been issued an air quality permit pursuant to 15A NCAC 02Q .0300 "Construction and Operation Permits" Instructions  • Notification form </p>	<p>TAX CERTIFICATIONS Application forms for tax certifications.</p>
<p>NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES Registration form for exempt renewable energy facilities under SB3. </p>	<p>PERMIT FEES 2021 DAQ Permit and Application Fee Schedule Memo (effective January 1, 2021) ☑</p> <p><i>A \$35.00 processing fee will be charged for returned checks in accordance with the North Carolina General Statute 25-3-506</i></p> <p>NEW Permit Application Fees via ePayment NEW</p>
<p>CLEAN AIR INTERSTATE RULE (CAIR) Permit application forms and certification of representation form. NOTE: This program is no longer effective. This is being provided for informational purposes only.</p>	



Instructions

Complete and mail a signed copy to both:

- The County Tax Administrator for the County in which the facility is located
- The Regional Office of the Division of air Quality (applying to the DAQ alone will not get your property exempted).
- If you have any questions, please call the local tax office or your Regional DAQ office.



Application Form

DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY APPLICATION FOR TAX CERTIFICATION & EXEMPTION FORM TC-AQ		For DAQ Use:	Tax Certification Application Number:
This Application Form is to be used only for air-cleaning device(s) under the authority of the NC Division of Air Quality (DAQ)		Revised 05/18/2016	
<p>DIRECTIONS: Complete and mail a signed copy to both: 1) The County Tax Administrator for the County in which the facility is located AND 2) The regional office of the Division of Air Quality. Type or print in blue or black ink. A separate application is required for each facility where property proposed for tax certification is located.</p> <p>THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION. If you have any questions regarding this application, please call the local tax office or the NC Division of Air Quality Regional Office responsible for the county in which the facility is located (see https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/regional-offices for regional contact information.)</p> <p>Please Note: Tax Certifications will only be processed for facilities under the authority of the DAQ and only if the DAQ has found that the described property:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has been or will be constructed or installed; Complies with or that plans therefore which have been submitted to the DAQ indicate that it will comply with the requirements of the Environmental Management Commission; Is being effectively operated or will, when completed, be required to operate in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit, certificate of approval, or other document of approval issued by the DAQ; and Has or, when completed, will have as its PRIMARY rather than incidental purpose the reduction of air pollution resulting from the emission or air contaminants. The property is being used exclusively (100%) for the reduction of air pollution. 			
A. APPLICANT (Applicant is the owner of, and taxpayer for, the property described in this application for tax certification.)			
Name of Applicant:		Name of Facility and ID No. (DAQ Premise Number) where the property is located: FACILITY ID No.:	
Address of Applicant, if different from facility where the property is located: <small>(address) (city) (zip code)</small>		Physical Address of Facility where the property is located (no PO Box): <small>(street address) (city) (zip code)</small>	
Business Relationship of Applicant to the facility where the property is located:		County where the property is located: Name of Contact Person at Facility where the property is located: Facility Contact Title: Facility Contact Phone Number:	
Does the Applicant hold any NC Department of Environmental Quality Permits? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, list Agency Name and Permit No(s):			
Is this the first Tax Certification issued for this Facility? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, attach any previously issued tax certifications			
A. COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF THE OPERATOR/USER OF THE FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OWNER OF THE FACILITY			
Name of Operator/User:			
Operator/User Address: <small>(address) (city) (zip code)</small>			
Operator/User Contact Name:		Operator/User Contact Title/Phone Number:	
Relationship between Operator/User of the facility and equipment and the applicant:			
ATTACH A PROCESS SCHEMATIC TO YOUR APPLICATION. The number of each item for which Tax Certification is being requested must be shown on the schematic			



For County Use Only	For DAQ Use Only. "A" Approved "D" Disapproved	Description of Air Pollution Control Devices as Listed on the Current Air Permit**	Original Permit Application Date AND Current Control Device ID No.	Asset Number, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	How is this equipment used for air pollution abatement?	% of Use for Pollution Abatement	Year Acquired	Original Historical Cost*	Is this asset replacing a prior asset?
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For County Use Only	For DAQ Use Only. "A" Approved "D" Disapproved	Description of "Supportive" Equipment <u>NOT</u> Listed on the Current Air Permit***	Original Permit Application Date AND Current Control Device ID No.	Asset Number, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	How is this equipment used for air pollution abatement?	% of Use for Pollution Abatement	Year Acquired	Original Historical Cost*	Is this asset replacing a prior asset?
11									
12									
13									
14									
15									



Additional Items

- The application requires an attached process schematic with the number of each item for which a Tax Certification is being requested must be shown on the schematic.
- The description should match the control system description on your permit. Also, the original application date and control device ID No. (corresponding to the air permit) is to be listed.
- Information as to why this equipment should qualify for Tax Exemption
- DAQ does not certifying the cost of equipment or the year of acquisition.
- DAQ verifies equipment through permits issued and through compliance inspections. We typically do not make site visits for tax certification purposes.



Additional Requirements

- The application requires an attached process schematic with the number of each item for which a Tax Certification is being requested.
- Page 2 of the form is for Air Pollution Control as Listed on the Current Permit
- The description should match the control system description on your permit. Also, the original application date and control device ID No. (corresponding to the air permit) is to be listed.

Buildings and Land

- To qualify a building, the building or section of the building being applied for must be used exclusively for the abatement of air pollution.
- Same goes for land, the land must be used exclusively for the prevention of air pollution.



Common Issues

- Receiving forms not signed by the authorized official
- Including an attachment of a list of equipment rather than completing the form.
- Submitting a tax certification for equipment not exclusively used for air pollution controls.
 - WWTP
 - Internal Floating Roofs installed primarily for fire protection.



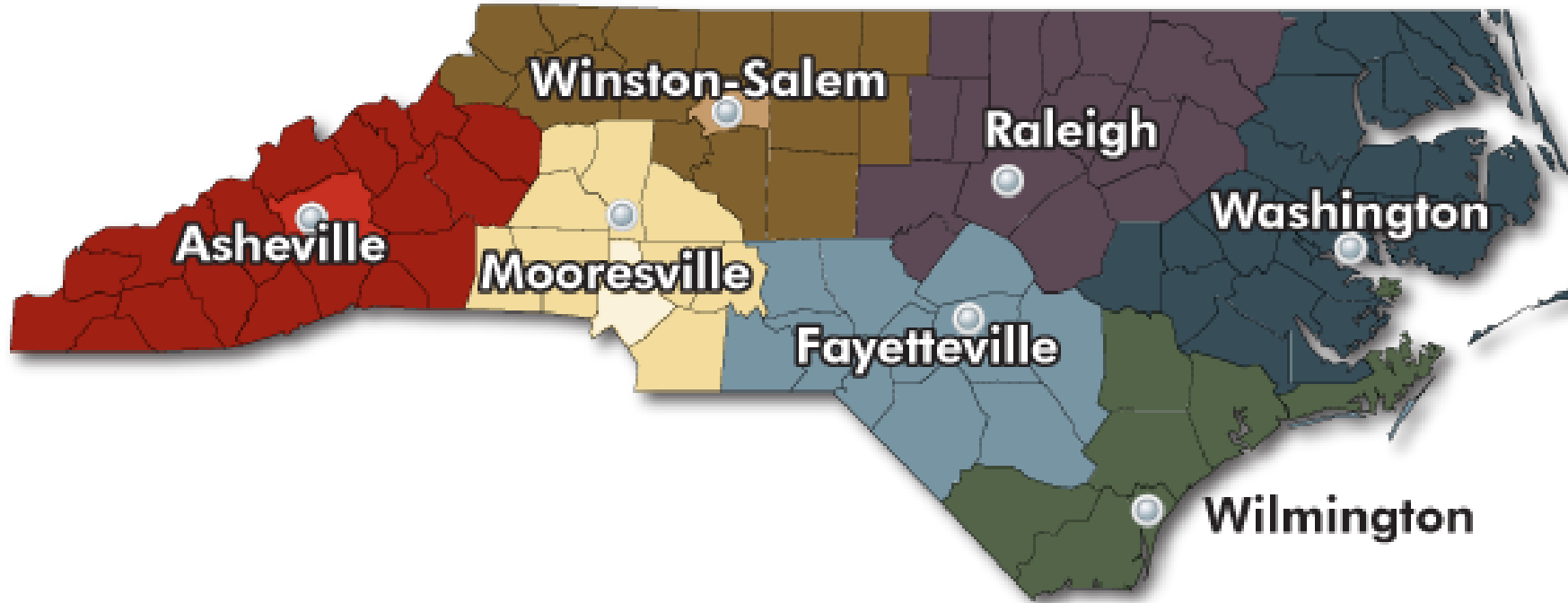
Processing Tax Applications

- Typically, this is the responsibility of the assigned facility inspector.
- We either approve or disapprove the equipment listed on Pages 2 and 3 of the form.
- We send a letter to the facility contact and the tax assessor with copies of the completed application form.
- Not common - tax assessor will contact us with questions.



Organization, Management and Resources

- NC Regional Offices and Local Programs



<http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/regional-offices>

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Questions?

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