

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Air Quality Bureau (AQB)
Operating Permit Program
List of Trivial Activities
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These specific activities are established and approved by the Environment Department. These activities need not be included in an operating permit application. Similar activities may be excluded from operating permit applications with written authorization from the Department. Any activity for which applicable requirements apply, other than ambient air standards, is not trivial, regardless of whether the activity meets the criteria listed below.

1. Any activity that is not a source of regulated pollutants.
2. Activities that occur strictly for maintenance of grounds or buildings, including: lawn care, pest control, grinding, cutting, welding, painting, woodworking, sweeping, general repairs, janitorial activities, plumbing, re-tarring roofs, installing insulation, steam cleaning and water washing activities, and paving of roads, parking lots and other areas.
3. Activities for maintenance and repair of equipment, pollution control equipment, or motor vehicles either inside or outside of a building.
4. Combustion emissions from mobile sources, such as forklifts, courier vehicles, front loaders, graders, carts, and maintenance trucks.
5. Use of fire control equipment, including maintenance, testing, and training.
6. Use of office equipment and products, not including printers or businesses primarily involved in photographic reproduction.
7. Characterization of waste disposal sites (not waste treatment).
8. Non-anthropogenic wind blown dust.
9. Residential activities such as fireplaces, woodstoves, barbecue cookers, and emergency (backup) electrical generators.
10. Routine calibration and maintenance of laboratory equipment or other analytical instruments, including gases used as part of those processes.
11. Laundry activities, except for dry cleaning and steam boilers.
12. Food service and cafeteria activities.
13. Paint or non-paint materials dispensed from prepackaged aerosol cans of 16 ounce or less capacity.
14. Emissions from solid waste containers (pails, drums, and dumpsters).

15. Emissions from engine crankcase vents and equipment lubricating pumps.
16. Emissions from equipment lubricating systems (i.e., oil mist).
17. Air-conditioning units used for human comfort.
18. Ventilating units used for human comfort that do not exhaust air pollutants into the ambient air from any manufacturing/industrial or commercial process.
19. Vent emissions from sanitary sewer plumbing traps not within the boundary of publicly owned sewage treatment plant.
20. Tobacco smoking rooms and areas.
21. Portable electrical generators that can be moved without the assistance of any motorized or non-motorized vehicle, conveyance, or device from one location to another.
22. Pneumatically operated equipment.
23. Batteries and battery charging stations, except at battery manufacturing plants.
24. Storage tanks, vessels, and containers holding or storing liquid substances that will not emit any volatile organic compound (VOC) or hazardous air pollutant (HAP).
25. Storage tanks, reservoirs, and pumping and handling equipment of any size containing soaps, vegetable oil, grease, animal fat, and nonvolatile aqueous salt solutions, provided appropriate lids and covers are utilized.
26. Vents from continuous emissions monitors and other analyzers.
27. Natural gas pressure regulator vents, excluding venting at oil and gas production facilities.
28. Hand-held applicator equipment for hot-melt adhesives with no volatile organic compound (VOC) in the adhesive formulation.
29. Laser trimmers using dust collection to prevent fugitive emissions.
30. Bench-scale laboratory equipment used for physical or chemical analysis, but not lab fume hoods or vents.
31. Equipment used for quality control/assurance or inspection purposes, including sampling equipment used to withdraw materials for analysis.

32. Hydraulic and hydrostatic testing equipment.

33. Fugitive emissions related to movement of passenger vehicles, provided the emissions are not counted for applicability purposes and any required fugitive dust control plan or its equivalent is submitted.

34. Boiler water treatment operations, not including cooling towers.

35. Oxygen scavenging (de-aeration) of water.

~~36. Emissions from blow down of compressors and other vessels containing pipeline quality natural gas for the purpose of maintenance or due to emergency circumstances.~~

37. Pipeline quality natural gas emissions from safety relief valves.

Record of Changes:

a) 9/15/08, Item 36 deleted due to revisions to 20.2.70 NMAC.