Rule 401. VISIBLE EMISSIONS

(a) A person shall not discharge into the atmosphere from any single source of emission whatsoever any air contaminant for a period or periods aggregating more than three minutes in any one hour which is:

(1) As dark or darker in shade as that designated No. 1 on the Ringelmann Chart, as published by the United States Bureau of Mines, or

(2) Of such Opacity as to obscure an observer's view to a degree equal to or greater than does smoke described in subsection (a)(1) of this rule.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this rule, a person shall not discharge into the atmosphere from equipment for melting, heating, or holding asphalt or coal tar pitch for on-site roof construction or repair; or from diesel pile driving hammers; any air contaminant for a period or periods aggregating more than three minutes in any one hour which is:

(1) As dark or darker in shade as that designated No. 2 on the Ringelmann Chart, as published by the United States Bureau of Mines, or

(2) Of such an opacity as to obscure an observer's view to a degree equal to or greater than does smoke described in subsection (b)(1) of this rule.

(c) This rule shall not apply to asphalt pavement heaters.

(d) This rule shall not apply to abrasive blasting operations.