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### **RULE 301. PERMITTING AND ASSOCIATED FEES**

#### **(a) Applicability**

California Health and Safety Code Section 40510 provides authority for the South Coast Air Quality Management District to adopt a fee schedule for the issuance of permits to cover the cost of evaluation, planning, inspection, and monitoring related to that activity. This rule establishes such a fee schedule and requires that fees be paid for:

- (1) Permit processing for Facility Permits [see subdivisions (l), (m), and (n)], Facility Registrations [see subdivision (t)], and Permits to Construct and/or Permits to Operate equipment (submitted pursuant to Regulation II) that may cause air pollution or equipment intended to control air pollution [see subdivision (c)].
- (2) Processing of applications for banking emission reduction credits; change of title of emissions reduction credits; alteration/modification of emission reduction credits; retirement of short term emission reduction credits for transfer into Rule 2202; and the transfer of ERCs out of Rule 2202 pursuant to Rule 2202 (h)(4); or conversion of emissions reduction credits, mobile source credits, or area source credits to short term emission reduction credits, pursuant to Regulation XIII [see paragraphs (c)(4) and (c)(5)].
- (3) Annual operating permit renewal fee [see subdivision (d)].
- (4) Annual operating permit emissions fee [see subdivision (e)] or Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) Trading Credits (RTCs) [see subdivision (l)].
- (5) Duplicate and reissued permits [see subdivision (f)].
- (6) Reinstating expired applications or permits [see subdivision (g)].

- (30) SOURCE means any grouping of equipment or other air contaminant-emitting activities which are located on parcels of land within the District, in actual physical contact or separated solely by a public roadway or other public right-of-way, and are owned or operated by the same person or by persons under common control. Such above-described groupings, if remotely located and connected only by land carrying a pipeline, shall not be considered one stationary source. (Under RECLAIM, a SOURCE is any individual unit, piece of equipment or process which may emit an air contaminant and which is identified, or required to be identified, in the RECLAIM Facility Permit).
- (31) STREAMLINED STANDARD PERMIT means a permit issued for certain types of equipment or processes commonly permitted by SCAQMD with pre-set levels of controls and emissions. The operating conditions and other qualifying criteria are pre-determined by the SCAQMD and provided to the permit applicant in the permit application package for concurrence.
- (32) STATEWIDE EQUIPMENT is equipment with a valid registration certificate issued by CARB for the Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program.
- (33) TEMPORARY PERMIT TO OPERATE represents interim authorization to operate equipment until the Permit to Operate is granted or denied. A temporary Permit to Operate is not issued by the District but may exist pursuant to Rule 202.

**(c) Fees for Permit Processing**

**(1) Permit Processing Fee**

**(A) Permit Processing Fee Applicability**

Except as otherwise provided in this rule, every applicant who files an application for a Permit to Construct, Permit to Operate, Facility Permit, court judgments in favor of the District and administrative civil penalties or a revision to a Facility Permit, shall, at the time of filing, pay all delinquent fees associated with the facility and shall pay a permit processing fee.

- (i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the permit processing fee shall be determined in accordance with the schedules (set forth in Table FEE RATE-A) at the time the application is deemed complete.

- (ii) A person applying for permits for relocation of equipment shall pay fees in accordance with the schedules set forth in Table FEE RATE-A at the time the application is deemed complete. All fees due, within the past 3 years, from the previous facility for equipment for which a Change of Location application is filed, and all facility-specific fees (such as “Hot Spots” fees), must be paid before the Change of Location application is accepted.
  - (iii) A person applying for permits for any equipment/process not otherwise listed in Table IA or Table IB shall pay the fees associated with Schedule C. Prior to the issuance of a permit, these fees are subject to adjustment, as necessary.
  - (iv) In the event a Permit to Construct expires under the provisions of Rule 205, and the applicable rules, regulations, and BACT for that particular piece of equipment have not been amended since the original evaluation was performed, the permit processing fee for a subsequent application for a similar equipment shall be the fee established for an administrative change according to (c)(3)(C), provided the subsequent application is submitted within one (1) year from the date of expiration of either the Permit to Construct, or an approved extension of the Permit to Construct. This clause shall not apply if a request for an extension for the Permit to Construct has been denied.
- (B) Notice of Amount Due and Effect of Nonpayment
- For fees due upon notification, such notice may be given by personal service or sent by mail, electronic mail, or other electronic means, and shall be due thirty (30) days from the date of personal service, mailing, or electronic transmission. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the fee payment will be considered to be received by the District if it is delivered, postmarked, or electronically paid on or before the expiration date stated on the billing notice. If the expiration date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a state holiday, the fee payment may be delivered, postmarked, or electronically paid on the next business day following the Saturday, Sunday, or the state holiday with the same effect as if it had been delivered, postmarked,

or electronically paid on the expiration date. Nonpayment of the fee within this period of time will result in expiration of the application and voiding of the Permit to Construct or Permit to Operate. No further applications will be accepted from the applicant until such time as overdue permit processing fees have been fully paid. If an application is canceled, a permit processing fee will be charged if evaluation of the application has been initiated.

(C) Higher Fee for Failing to Obtain a Permit

- (i) When equipment is operated, built, erected, installed, altered, or replaced (except for replacement with identical equipment) without the owner/operator first obtaining a required Permit to Construct or Permit to Operate, the permit processing fee shall be 150 percent (150%) of the amount set forth in Table FEE RATE-A unless the applicant is a Small Business as defined in this provision and the facility has no prior permit applications, Permit to Construct or Permit to Operate (as evidenced by a facility identification number) with the District in which case the permit processing fee shall be the amount set forth in Table FEE RATE-A. If a facility has been issued a Notice of Violation (NOV), there shall be no waiver of the higher fee. The applicant shall also remit annual operating fees for the source for a full three (3) years, or the actual years of operation if less than three (3) years. The assessment of such fee shall not limit the District's right to pursue any other remedy provided for by law. Fees are due and payable within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification. [See subparagraph (c)(2)(B).] However, the higher fee shall be waived if the application is being submitted for equipment that was previously permitted (issued either a Permit to Construct or a Permit to Operate) but had expired due to non-payment of fees, provided the application is submitted within one (1) year of the expiration date, and that permit is reinstatable under subdivision (g) of this rule.
- (ii) For purposes of assessing a higher fee for failing to obtain a permit only, small business shall be defined as a business

which is independently owned and operated and not an affiliate of a non-small business entity and meets the following criteria:

- (A) If a non-manufacturer, the number of employees is 25 or less and the total gross annual receipts are \$1,000,000 or less; or
  - (B) If a manufacturer, the number of employees is 50 or less and the total gross annual receipts are \$5,000,000 or less, or
  - (C) Is a not-for-profit training center.
- (iii) This clause shall apply to applications for a Permit to Operate for equipment already constructed without first obtaining a required Permit to Construct. If, at the time the Permit to Operate is granted or denied, it is determined that any annual operating permit fee as provided in subdivision (d) of this rule had been based on incorrect information, the applicant will be billed for or credited with the difference, as appropriate.

**(D) Small Business**

When applications are filed in accordance with the provisions of subparagraphs (c)(1)(A), (c)(1)(G)(i), (c)(1)(C) or paragraph (c)(3) for a Small Business as defined in Rule 102 – Definition of Terms, the fees assessed shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount set forth in Table FEE RATE-A.

**(E) Fees for Permit Processing for Identical Equipment and Processing of Applications for Short Term Emission Reduction Credits**

When applications are submitted in accordance with the provisions of subparagraphs (c)(1)(A), (c)(1)(C), (c)(1)(D), (c)(1)(H), paragraphs (c)(3) or (c)(4) concurrently for identical equipment, or for change of title or alteration/modification of short term emission reduction credits, full fees for the first application, and fifty percent (50%) of the applicable processing fee for each additional application shall be assessed. The provisions of this subparagraph do not apply to Certified Equipment Permits, Registration Permits, and the exceptions mentioned in subparagraphs (c)(3)(A), (c)(3)(B), and (c)(3)(C).

**TABLE FEE RATE-A.**  
**SUMMARY PERMIT FEE RATES - PERMIT PROCESSING, CHANGE OF**  
**CONDITIONS, ALTERATION/MODIFICATION**

Schedule	Non-Title V			Title V		
	Permit Processing	Change of Condition	Alteration/Modification	Permit Processing	Change of Condition	Alteration/Modification
A	\$2,483.17	\$1,293.43	\$2,483.17	\$3,111.65	\$1,620.79	\$3,111.65
A1	\$2,483.17	\$1,293.43	\$2,483.17	\$3,111.65	\$1,620.79	\$3,111.65
B	\$3,957.60	\$1,960.54	\$3,957.60	\$4,959.22	\$2,456.76	\$4,959.22
B1	\$6,259.78	\$3,393.07	\$6,259.78	\$7,844.11	\$4,251.86	\$7,844.11
C	\$6,259.78	\$3,393.07	\$6,259.78	\$7,844.11	\$4,251.86	\$7,844.11
D	\$8,639.57	\$5,803.08	\$8,639.57	\$10,826.22	\$7,271.86	\$10,826.22
E	\$9,932.89	\$8,520.39	\$9,932.89	\$12,446.85	\$10,676.85	\$12,446.85
F	\$24,961.95+ T&M	\$12,439.22+ T&M	\$19,788.15+ T&M	\$31,279.71+ T&M	\$15,587.51+ T&M	\$24,796.44+ T&M
G	\$29,462.87+ T&M	\$21,108.52+ T&M	\$24,289.05+ T&M	\$36,919.74+ T&M	\$26,451.00+ T&M	\$30,436.43+ T&M
H	\$45,655.50+ T&M	\$26,763.88+ T&M	\$40,481.67+ T&M	\$57,210.64+ T&M	\$33,540.62+ T&M	\$50,727.35+ T&M

Schedule	Begin Charging Hourly Rate After (hrs)	Non-Title V T& M Rate (\$/hr)	Non-Title V Not to Exceed (\$)	Title V T& M Rate (\$/hr)	Title V Not to Exceed (\$)
F	99	\$258.67	\$48,625.99	\$324.14	\$60,932.98
G	117	\$258.67	\$83,307.72	\$324.14	\$104,392.45
H	182	\$258.67	\$105,925.60	\$324.14	\$132,734.77

**TABLE IB - PERMIT FEE RATE SCHEDULES FOR BASIC EQUIPMENT**

Equipment/Process	Schedule	Equipment/Process	Schedule
Hydrocarbons, Misc., Treating Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Fractionators, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	D	Incinerator, < 300 lbs/hr, Non- Hazardous	E
Hydrogen Desulfurization (HDS) Unit Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Fractionators, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	F	Incinerator, >= 300 lbs/hr, Non- Hazardous	F
Hydrogen Gas Production, Electrolysis or <5 MMBtu/hr	A	Indoor Shooting Range	B
Hydrogen Gas Production, Other	C	Ink Mfg./Blending Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Process Tanks, Mixers	B
Hydrogen Production Equipment (Refinery) Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Fractionators, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	F	Inorganic Chemical Mfg. Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Process Tanks, Mixers, Reactors	D
Hydrotreating Unit Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Fractionators, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	E	Insecticide Separation/Mfg Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Coolers, Drums, Ejectors, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	E
IC Engine, (51-500 HP) Cogeneration	B	Iodine Reaction Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Coolers, Heat Exchangers, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Tanks, Towers	C
IC Engine, (> 500 HP) Cogeneration	C	Isomerization Unit Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Fractionators, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	E
IC Engine, Emergency	B	Jet Engine Test Facility	C
IC Engine, Landfill/Digester Gas	D	Kiln, Natural Gas	C
IC Engine, Other, 51-500 HP	B	Landfill Condensate/Leachate Collection/Storage	B
IC Engine, Other, > 500 HP	C	Landfill Gas, Collection, (< 10 Wells)	B
Impregnating Equipment	C	Landfill Gas, Collection, (10 -50 Wells)	C
Incineration, Hazardous Waste	H	Landfill Gas, Collection, (> 50 Wells)	D
		Landfill Gas, Treatment	E

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Equipment/Process	Schedule	Equipment/Process	Schedule
Lime/Limestone, Conveying Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Bins, Conveyors, Bucket Elevators, Hoppers, Weigh Stations	C	Lube Oil Re-refining Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Fractionators, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	D
Linear Generator Core, Natural Gas, No Ammonia	B	Marine Bulk Loading/Unloading System, Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Compressors, Condensers, Knock Out Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Saturators	D
Liquid Separation, Other Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Process Tanks, Settling Tanks, Separators, Tanks	D	Marine Vessel Displaced Vapor Control, Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Compressors, Condensers, Knock Out Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Saturators	D
Liquid Waste Processing, Hazardous Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Air Floatation Units, Floatation Units, Filter Presses, Reactors, Process Tanks, Clarifiers, Settling Tanks, Waste Water Separators, Tanks	E	Merichem Unit Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Fractionators, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	D
Liquid Waste Processing, Non Hazardous Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Air Floatation Units, Floatation Units, Filter Presses, Reactors, Process Tanks, Clarifiers, Settling Tanks, Waste Water Separators, Tanks	C	Merox Treating Unit Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Fractionators, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	E
LPG, Tank Truck Loading	D	Metal Deposition Equipment	C
LPG, Treating Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Fractionators, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	D	Metallic Mineral Production Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Bins, Bucket Elevators, Conveyors, Feeders, Hoppers, Crushers, Cyclones, Log Washers, Mixers, Screens, Vibrating Grizzlies, Weigh Stations	E
LPG Distillation Unit Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Fractionators, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	E	Misc. Solvent Usage at a Premise	B
Lube Oil Additive/Lubricant Mfg.	B	Mixer, Chemicals	B

**TABLE IB - PERMIT FEE RATE SCHEDULES FOR BASIC EQUIPMENT**

Equipment/Process	Schedule	Equipment/Process	Schedule
MTBE Production Facility Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Coolers, Drums, Ejectors, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Mixers, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	F	Packaging, Other	B
Natural Gas Dehydration Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	C	Paint Stripping, Molten Caustic	C
Natural Gas Odorizers	C	Paper Conveying	A
Natural Gas Stabilization Unit Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Drums, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Scrubbers, Regenerators, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	E	Paper Pulp Products	D
Nut Roasters Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Bins, Conveyors, Bucket Elevators, Hoppers, Roasters, Coolers	C	Paper Size Reduction	C
Nut Shell Drying Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Bins, Conveyors, Bucket Elevators, Hoppers, Dryers, Coolers	C	Pavement Grinder	B
Oil/Water Separator (< 10,000 GPD) Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Oil Water Separators, Pits, Sumps, Tanks, Vessels	B	Pavement Heater	B
Oil/Water Separator (>= 10,000 GPD) Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Oil Water Separators, Pits, Sumps, Tanks, Vessels	C	Pelletizing, Chlorine Compounds Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Conveyors, Bins, Hoppers, Pelletizers, Mixers, Dryers	C
Open-Air resin operations	A	Perlite Furnace	C
Oven Bakery	C	Perlite Handling Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Conveyors, Bins, Hoppers, Bucket Elevators	C
Oven, Curing (Rule 1401 toxics)	C	Pesticide/Herbicide Mfg. Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Absorbers, Accumulators, Columns, Compressors, Condensers, Coolers, Drums, Ejectors, Heat Exchangers, Knock Out Pots, Mixers, Pots, Pumps, Reactors, Regenerators, Scrubbers, Settling Tanks, Sumps, Tanks, Towers, Vessels	E
Oven, Other	B	Petroleum Coke Calcining Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Bins, Conveyors, Reactors, Mixers, Process Tanks, Kilns	F
		Petroleum Coke Conveying Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Conveyors, Bins, Hoppers, Bucket Elevators	B
		Pharmaceutical Mfg. Including, but not limited to, all or part of the following: Conveyors, Bins, Hoppers, Reactors, Process Tanks, Pelletizers, Mixers, Dryers	C
		Pharmaceutical Mfg. Tableting, Coating Vitamins or Herbs	C
		Pipe Coating, Asphaltic	B
		Plasma Arc Cutting	B1
		Plastic Mfg., Blow Molding Machine	B