

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) Regulation No. 61-62.2, Prohibition of Open Burning, allows exemptions for permanently established fire-fighter training sites and for temporary training sites with prior Department approval. Air Staff in the BEHS Regional Offices (see page 2) will evaluate and respond to requests for exemptions. The request must be made in writing and must include the following:

1. Detailed sketch of the proposed burn site including property boundaries.
2. Description of fuels/materials to be burned for the training exercise.
3. For permanent training sites, documentation that a plan has been prepared to address containment and/or runoff of liquids and that the plan is consistent with SCDHEC Bureau of Water requirements.
4. Documentation that a post-burn waste disposal plan has been prepared and that the plan is consistent with SCDHEC Bureau of Land and Waste Management requirements.
5. Description of on-site fire control measures to be used during training exercises.
6. Schedule of planned training exercises including dates, approximate times, and durations.

An organization conducting a fire-fighter training burn which has been exempted must:

- a) Contain liquids used for the exercise in accordance with Bureau of Water requirements. (Contact local BEHS Regional Office for information.)
- b) Ensure that only approved materials are involved in any burn.
- c) Handle post-burn waste according to SCDHEC Bureau of Land and Waste Management requirements. (Contact local BEHS Regional Office for information.)
- d) Ensure fire control measures are followed.

**Note:**

- Training for use of small hand-held fire extinguishers is not subject to prior approval requirements.
- Permanently established fire-fighter training sites may continue to operate under previously issued approval until evaluated under current exemption criteria.
- Exemption for a temporary site must be requested at least 30 days prior to the proposed training date.
- Any changes to a burn plan must be submitted to the BEHS Regional Office and approved prior to implementing the change.
- A demolition license from the Asbestos Section of the Bureau of Air Quality (requires submission of an asbestos survey, written notification 10 working days in advance, and payment of applicable fees) is required for any structure to be burned for training. For information concerning asbestos regulations, contact the Asbestos Section at (803) 898-4289.
- Structures burned for training purposes must be stripped of asbestos-containing materials (e.g., ceiling and floor tiles, shingles, siding, etc.); rubber, plastic, and vinyl materials; and all other non-wooden contents.

The Department may suspend or revoke any exemption for failure to adhere to any approved plan, or if conditions exist or are created which warrant cessation of burning. Failure to follow approved plans may also result in the initiation of enforcement action.

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