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Spare the Air Award Winner

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's Spare the Air Program's goals include promoting a healthier environment through air quality initiatives as well as strengthening and building partnerships with businesses, organizations and the residents of South Carolina to improve air quality.

The 2016 Spare the Air Award winner is D.W. Daniel High School in Pickens County. Students organized a tire inflation station to ensure vehicle tires were inflated properly - improving gas mileage and reducing toxic emissions. In addition, data was collected on emissions from idling cars in hopes of educating parents and students on the environmental and health hazards of idling.

To learn more about the Spare the Air Awards and how your organization can participate, click [here](#).



Access for Underground Storage Tank Inspections



92 Section 280.34. This regulation requires owners and operators of UST systems to cooperate fully with inspections, monitoring and testing conducted by DHEC. Granting access and making the UST system equipment accessible for the inspector is an important part of this process. The DHEC inspector makes contact with the UST owner/operator seven to 10 days in advance of the inspection to make sure a representative will be on site with keys, tools and anything else necessary to make the equipment available for inspection.

Operator training (R.61-92 Section 280.35 effective May 23, 2008) requires monthly walk-through inspections by the UST owner/operator for all UST system equipment including the areas to be accessed during DHEC-initiated annual compliance inspections. These monthly inspections require the tank owner to open and inspect all tank top man ways, dispenser skirts and ancillary equipment. The owner/operator should be very familiar with their UST system equipment and procedures necessary for accessing subsurface and locked areas safely.

The DHEC inspector may assist tank owners in certain non-routine circumstances with physically accessing their UST equipment. In these cases, the owner/operator is required to make this request in advance of the inspection and subsequently oversee the DHEC inspector while accessing subsurface and locked areas.

UST Financial Responsibility

Courtesy Financial Responsibility (FR) reminder letters notifying tank owners/operators of the upcoming expiration of their current FR mechanism will continue to be mailed. In the past, a blank Certificate of Financial Responsibility (CFR) and other informational handouts were included in this mailing. To help reduce the thousands of pages being printed and mailed, we will mail the CFR and handouts only upon request. These forms are available online [here](#) under 'Renewal Forms'. Bookmarking this webpage is highly recommended.

For those using a Letter Of Credit (LOC) as their FR mechanism, a CFR is still required to be submitted every year even though the LOC automatically renews and doesn't have to be resubmitted. You should still be getting a reminder letter as your renewal date approaches. Complete a new CFR and keep a copy at the site. Inspectors will write a citation for not having a CFR available even if the FR mechanism is valid. This applies to all FR mechanisms.

Check your FR status and find other information about your site at the [UST Registry](#).

If you have FR questions, please [email](#) John Mize.

Regulatory Updates



Bureau of Air Quality

On June 24, 2016, DHEC's Bureau of Air Quality published a Notice of Proposed Regulation in the State Register proposing amendments to Regulation 61-62, Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards, and the S.C. Air Quality Implementation Plan (State Implementation Plan or SIP).

DHEC proposes to amend Regulation 61-62.1, Section III, Emissions Inventory and Emissions Statements; Regulation 61-62.60, S.C. Designated Facility Plan and New Source Performance Standards; Regulation 61-62.63, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Source Categories; Regulation 61-62.5, Standard No. 2, Ambient Air Quality Standards; and the SIP, to adopt the federal amendments to these standards put forth from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

DHEC proposes to amend Regulation 61-62.1, Section II, Permit Requirements; Regulation 61-62.5, Standard No. 1, Emissions from Fuel Burning Operations; and Regulation 61-62.5, Standard 4, Emissions from Process Industries, to address periods of excessive emissions during startup, shutdown or malfunction (SSM) events as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in response to a national petition for rulemaking and to address a finding of substantial inadequacy (referred to as a 'SIP call') (80FR 33840, June 12, 2015).

DHEC also is proposing other changes to Regulation 61-62 that include corrections for internal consistency, clarification, reference, punctuation, codification, formatting and spelling to improve the overall text of Regulation 61-62 as necessary.

In accordance with 1976 Code Section 1-23-120(H), legislative review is not required because DHEC proposes promulgating the amendments to maintain compliance with federal law.

[Email](#) Caitlan Bell if you have any questions. This notice can be found [here](#).

Bureau of Land and Waste Management

On June 24, 2016, an update to R.61-107.279, Solid Waste Management: Used Oil, became effective.

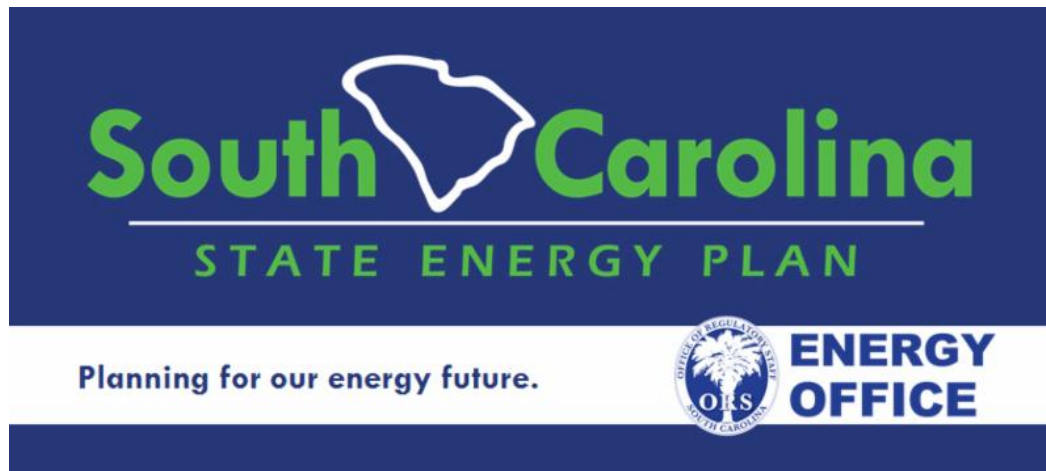
The regulation amendment removes the requirement for used oil fuel marketers to be permitted; adds language addressing allowable levels for polychlorinated biphenyls (or PCBs) under this regulation to comply with EPA standards; revises violations and penalties to conform to other Solid Waste Management regulations; and adds and changes language for clarity and corrects minor clerical errors.

Also on June 24, 2016, an update to R.61-107.12, Solid Waste Management: Solid Waste Incineration and Solid Waste Pyrolysis, became effective.

The regulation amendment creates a separate section of the regulation for air curtain incineration facilities and reduces some of the application requirements for these facilities to obtain a permit. Public noticing requirements have also been added. Other sections of the regulation have also been revised for clarity and consistency with other Solid Waste Management regulations.

Additionally, on April 22, 2016, DHEC issued a Notice of Drafting to promulgate a new regulation addressing standards for management of coal combustion residuals prior to delivery to allocation of beneficial reuse.

For more information, [email](#) Jana White.



Discuss issues relevant to the state energy plan at one of five scheduled public engagement sessions. Click [here](#) for more information.

S.C. Environmental Excellence Program (SCEEP)

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- Opportunities for regulatory flexibility on identified issues; and
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