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Ohio Revised Code

Section 3704.037 Tiered permitting system for air contaminant sources - petition for exemption.

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(A) The director of environmental protection shall formulate and implement a tiered permitting system for air contaminant sources that categorizes, prioritizes, and expedites review of, and final action on, applications for installation permits and operating permits issued pursuant to divisions (F) and (G) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code, respectively. The tiered permitting system shall include at least exemptions, registration status, permits-by-rule, and general permits. The director may issue general permits to install and permits to operate, and permits-by-rule, containing terms and conditions that apply to types of air contaminant sources specified by the director that have sufficiently similar characteristics to warrant substantially identical installation permits and operating permits.

(B) Any person may petition the director to exempt a certain source category from obtaining an installation permit or operating permit pursuant to division (F) or (G) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code, respectively, or both. The petition shall contain all of the technical support necessary to justify the exemption, including the estimated emissions levels, the impact on air quality including the impact of any hazardous or toxic emission, and the effect that granting the exemption would have on ambient air quality standards. Sources regulated by the United States environmental protection agency under the new source performance standards or the hazardous air pollutant standards established pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act are not eligible for exemption through petition.

Not later than one hundred eighty days after receiving a petition, the director shall notify the petitioner in writing if the petition has been accepted or rejected and, if rejected, the basis of the rejection. At least once every two years, the director shall propose rules containing the exemptions that have been accepted through the petition process.