Conventional Oil and Natural Gas VOC Sources –What You Need to Know for Reporting

Owners and operators of conventional oil and natural gas well sites, gathering and boosting stations, or natural gas processing plants built on or before December 2, 2022, in Pennsylvania that include certain sources of Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions, are subject to specific reporting requirements. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has developed resources to help you to comply with these requirements. 25 Pa Code 129.131-129.140

WHAT EQUIPMENT IS SUBJECT TO REPORTING?

- 1. Storage vessels at a conventional well site, a gathering and boosting station, a natural gas processing plant, or the natural gas transmission and storage segment.
- 2. Natural gas-driven continuous bleed pneumatic controllers.
- 3. Natural gas-driven diaphragm pumps.
- 4. Reciprocating compressors and centrifugal compressors.
- 5. Components that may release fugitive emissions (flanges, valves, etc.). (129.131(a) Applicability)

HOW ARE REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT?

Annual reports should be submitted through the Department's <u>Public Upload</u> system (Greenport). An account is not needed to use the Public Upload System. Reports must be in Excel or another spreadsheet format. <u>Guidance</u> for using the Public Upload system is available at the website below.

Visit the Department's <u>Annual Reporting for the VOC</u> <u>Rules for Oil and Natural Gas Sources</u> website for links to the reporting template, the Public Upload system, and instructions and guides for uploading your report.

ARE REPORTS REQUIRED IF THE SUBJECT ENTITY DOES NOT OPERATE ANY EQUIPMENT SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS?

If an entity does not have any reportable emissions, they must submit an initial report stating such. No further annual reporting will be required unless the entity adds reportable equipment due to changes at the site.

WHEN IS REPORTING DUE FOR THIS EQUIPMENT?

Reports covering calendar years 2023 and 2024 were due to the Department by June 1, 2025. Annual reports are due each year thereafter on or before June 1. (129.140(k) Reporting)

PAST DUE SUBMISSIONS

If you have not submitted the reports yet, please submit them via the Department's <u>Public Upload</u> website as soon as possible.

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS?

Reporting Template and Walkthrough Video – It's highly recommended to use the reporting template to ensure that all the necessary information is included.

A walkthrough video for using the reporting template is available on the Department's Annual Reporting for the VOC Rules for Oil and Natural Gas Sources website.

Small Business Assistance – If you are a Pennsylvania small business (100 or fewer employees), you may contact the Pennsylvania Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP) for free, confidential assistance at (877) ASK-EMAP (877-275-3627) or through their website at the link above.

Additional Resources - The Department may develop additional resources that will be posted on the Department's Annual Reporting for the VOC Rules for Oil and Natural Gas Sources website.



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