



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF AIR QUALITY

**GENERAL PLAN APPROVAL AND/OR GENERAL OPERATING PERMIT
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**General Permit BAQ-GPA/GP-5: Natural Gas, Coal Bed Methane or Gob Gas Production or
Recovery Facilities**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The owner or operator of any natural gas, coal bed methane or gob gas production or recovery facility proposing to operate under the general plan approval and/or operating permit BAQ-GPA/GP-5 must comply with the terms and conditions specified therein. Failure to conform to the applicable laws, rules and regulations and terms and conditions of this permit, for any reason, are grounds for the revocation or suspension of the permittee's authorization to operate under this permit.
2. BAQ-GPA/GP-5 cannot be used to cover the installation of a natural gas, coal bed methane or gob gas production or recovery facility where the emission increases from the installation of the new plant and other emissions increases that have occurred would subject the facility to the requirements of 25 Pa. Code Chapter 127, Subchapters D and E (relating to prevention of significant deterioration and new source review). Guidance in this regard may be obtained by contacting the Department.
3. BAQ-GPA/GP-5 is applicable to an internal combustion engine with a rated capacity equal to or greater than 100 brake horsepower and includes the installation and operation of available control measures that reduce emissions to the limitations described in Condition 13.b. Any internal combustion engine with a rated capacity equal to or greater than 1500 brake horsepower may not be installed under this general permit.
4. An applicant for BAQ-GPA/GP-5 must fulfill the requirements regarding the filing of compliance review forms according to 25 Pa. Code § 127.412.
5. Authorization to use BAQ GPA/GP-5 is valid for a fixed term of five years. The applicable fees are detailed in Condition 8 of the General Permit. An application for renewal and the renewal fee must be submitted 30 days prior to expiration of the General Permit.
6. A plan approval application and fee is required each time the permittee installs or modifies a natural gas, coal bed methane or gob gas production or recovery facility in accordance with this General Permit.
7. The application and fees specified in Condition 8 of BAQ-GPA/GP-5 shall be submitted to the appropriate Regional Office.
8. The permittee may not transfer authorization to operate under this General Permit. The new owner shall submit a new application and fees as described in Condition 8 of the General Permit.
9. If the natural gas, coal bed methane or gob gas production or recovery facilities cannot be regulated by the requirements of this general permit, an applicant must apply for a plan approval under Chapter 127, Subchapter B in lieu of this general plan approval BAQ-GPA/GP-5.