

#### **391-3-1-.04 AIR POLLUTION EPISODES. AMENDED.**

- (1) In order to prevent the occurrence of air contaminant concentrations great enough to cause danger to the public health, the Director will proclaim that an Air Pollution Alert, Air Pollution Warning, or Air Pollution Emergency exists when the meteorological conditions are such that an air stagnation condition is in existence and/or the accumulation of air contaminants in any place is attaining or has attained levels which could, if such levels are sustained or exceeded, lead to a substantial threat to the health of persons in the specific area affected.
- (2) The Director will maintain a listing of specific air contaminant concentrations which, if reached or exceeded at any monitoring site, will give rise to the proclamation of a respective air pollution episode level. The listing will be available and furnished to any interested person, upon request to the Director. These ambient concentration levels will be in graded levels with more restrictive control requirements being necessary as the concentrations progress upward, with the Air Pollution Emergency level being one which should never be reached and the most stringent control actions are necessary for reduction of air contaminant levels in the atmosphere.
- (3) The proclamation of an air pollution episode level can be for a specific, limited area affected by certain emissions, and shall always be accompanied by the expectation of air stagnation conditions for twelve (12) hours or more.
- (4) Upon the request of the Director, any source owner, operator, or lessee shall prepare and furnish to the Director written Air Pollution Episode plans for use in reducing the emission of air contaminants when the source is notified of the existence of an Air Pollution Alert, Warning or Emergency in its area of influence. Such plans shall identify the sources of air contaminants, the amount of reduction to be achieved, the method by which the reduction will be accomplished, and the times required to put each such reduction step into effect. The plan will specify progressively more stringent control actions to be taken at each of the air pollution episode levels, with the Alert level needing the least reduction and the Emergency level requiring the most reduction of emissions. The submitted Air Pollution Episode plan shall be subject to review and approval by the Director. If the plan is judged to be inadequate by the Director, it shall be disapproved and an amended plan will be prepared and resubmitted by the source owner, operator, or lessee.
- (5) When notified by the Director of the existence of an Air Pollution Alert, Warning, or Emergency in an area influenced by its emissions, the source owner, operator, or lessee shall immediately put into effect the control actions enumerated in the approved pollution episode plan on file with the Director, as appropriate for the specific episode level in effect.
- (6) Once proclaimed by the Director, an air pollution episode level will remain in effect until

the criteria for air contaminant concentrations applicable to the respective level are not longer met. At such time, the next lower status will be assumed.

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