

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

ARTICLE 2. REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

SECTION 11. OPERATING PERMITS -- DEFENSE

(A) For the purposes of a Class I or Class II operating permit, an "emergency" means any situation arising from sudden, unavoidable, and reasonably unforeseeable events beyond the control of the source, including acts of God, which requires immediate corrective action to restore normal operation, and that causes the source to exceed a technology-based emission limitation under the permit, due to unavoidable increases in emissions attributable to the emergency. An emergency shall not include noncompliance to the extent caused by improperly designed equipment, lack of preventative maintenance, careless or improper operation, or operator error.

(B) An emergency constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with technology-based emission limitations if the conditions of paragraph (C) below are met.

(C) The affirmative defense of emergency shall be demonstrated through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:

(1) An emergency occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the emergency;

(2) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;

(3) During the period of the emergency, the permittee took all reasonable steps to minimize levels of emissions that exceeded the emission standards, or other requirements in the permit; and

(4) The permittee submitted notice of the emergency to the Department within 2 working days of the time when emission limitations were exceeded due to the emergency. This notice must contain a description of the emergency, any steps taken to mitigate emissions, and corrective actions taken.

(D) In any enforcement proceeding, the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an emergency has the burden of proof.

(E) This provision is in addition to any emergency or upset provision contained in any applicable requirement.

Ref: Title 129, Chapter 11, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

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SECTION 11

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY

EPA Rulemakings

CFR: 40 C.F.R. 52.1420(c)(44)(i)(A)
FRM: 61 FR 5701 (2/14/96)
PRM: 61 FR 5725 (2/14/96)
State Submission: 5/31/95
State Proposal: 2/28/95
State Final: 5/16/95 (effective date locally)
APDB File: NE-37
Description: EPA approved a revision to the SIP that updated the local ordinances of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and created a Federally enforceable Class II operating permit program. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program rules replaced Chapter 8.64 regulations of the city of Lincoln and Resolution No. 3155 of Lancaster County in their entirety.

CFR: 40 C.F.R. 70, Appendix A, Lincoln-Lancaster County (c)
FRM: 60 FR 53872 (10/18/95), Correction Notice 61 FR 7073 (2/26/96)
PRM: 60 FR 5883 (1/31/95)
State Submission: 11/12/93
State Proposal: 2/28/95
State Final: 5/16/95 (effective date locally)
APDB File: NE-32b
Description: EPA fully approved the operating permits program submitted by Lincoln-Lancaster County for the purpose of complying with Federal requirements for an approvable program to issue operating permits to all major stationary sources and certain other sources. The EPA also approved, under 112(l), the county's program for accepting delegation of section 112 standards to enforce air toxics regulations.

Note: All previous versions of the rule are obsolete; the record of prior rulemakings is shown below for historical purposes only.

CFR: 40 C.F.R. 52.1420(c)(24)
FRM: 47 FR 22954 (5/26/82)
PRM: 42 FR 46371 (9/15/77)
State Submission: 12/27/76
State Proposal: 12/10/76
State Final: 3/16/76; 6/21/76 (effective dates locally)
APDB File: NE-08
Description: EPA approved the revised ordinance and regulations for the city of Lincoln. The state withdrew Section 051 of the ordinance and Sections 4, 15, and 17 of the regulations.

CFR: 40 C.F.R. 52.1420(c)(23)
FRM: 47 FR 22954 (5/26/82)
PRM: 42 FR 46371
State Submission: 4/4/77; 2/18/82
State Proposal: 3/18/77
State Final: 2/4/77 (effective date locally)
APDB File: NE-08
Description: EPA approved the Lancaster County regulations into the SIP. Sections 6, 9, and 23 were withdrawn by the state prior to final rulemaking by the EPA.

CFR: 40 C.F.R. 52.1420(a)
FRM: 37 FR 10842 (5/31/72)
PRM: None
State Submission: 1/28/72
State Proposal: Unknown
State Final: 2/28/67 (effective date locally)
APDB File: NE-00
Description: EPA approved the city of Lincoln's ordinance for air pollution control as part of the original SIP.

Difference Between the State and EPA-Approved Regulation

None.