

NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RULE 603 -- PERMIT FEES

(Amended 11/15/01)

On July 1 of each year, permit fees shall be adjusted in accordance with the California Health and Safety Code Section 42311 and Revenue and Taxation Code Section 2212 to account for changes in the California Consumer Price Index - W for the preceding year. The fees shall not exceed the actual cost of District programs for the immediately preceding year.

1996-2001 CPI Adjustment Factor = 13.8%

A. Stationary Source Fees

1. Filing Fees

- a. Except as provided below, every applicant for an Authority to Construct/Permit to Operate shall pay a filing fee of two hundred twenty-four dollars (\$224) If an application for a permit is canceled, or is denied, the filing fee required herein shall not be refunded nor applied to any subsequent application.
- b. Every applicant for a Vapor Recovery permit shall pay a filing fee of ninety dollars (\$90). If an application for a permit is canceled, or is denied, the filing fee required herein shall not be refunded nor applied to any subsequent application.

2. Base Fee

Except as otherwise required for gasoline storage and dispensing, every applicant for an annual stationary source Permit to Operate shall pay an annual Base Fee of \$75 per permit, in addition to the filing fee prescribed herein.

3. Emissions Fees

Every applicant for an annual Permit to Operate shall pay an emissions fee, in addition to the base fee and filing fee prescribed herein, for annual emissions by the source. Such emissions shall be calculated by the District on the basis of source test data, production data, and good engineering practice. Emissions shall be rounded to the nearest ton for the purposes of fee calculation and assessed as set forth in the following schedule:

Air Pollutant	Dollars Per Ton
Total Suspended Particulate (TSP)	\$ 10.00
Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) (expressed as nitrogen dioxide)	\$ 10.00

Air Pollutant	Dollars Per Ton
Oxides of Sulfur (SOx) (expressed as sulfur dioxide)	\$ 13.00
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's)	\$ 10.00
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	\$ 1.00

4. **Evaluation Fee**

Every applicant applying for an authority to construct or permit to operate equipment for which a permit is required by the rules of the Air Quality Management District, shall pay an engineering evaluation/air quality impact assessment fee. The fee shall be calculated using staff hours expended and the prevailing weighted labor rate of \$70.00 per hour.

5. **Analysis Fees**

Whenever the Air Pollution Control Officer finds that analysis of the emissions from any source is necessary to determine the extent and amount of pollutants being discharged into the atmosphere, which cannot be determined by visual observation, he may order the collection of samples and the physical analysis made or the collection of data and the engineering analysis made by qualified personnel as determined by the Air Pollution Control Officer. The time required for collecting samples, making the physical or engineering analysis, and preparing the necessary reports, but excluding time required in going to and from such premises, may be charged against the owner or operator of said premises in a reasonable sum to be determined by the Air Pollution Control Officer, which said sum is not to exceed the actual cost of such work.

6. **Permit Fee Penalty**

When the permit to operate is issued, it shall be accompanied by a statement of the fee to be paid. If the fee is not paid within 30 days after the permit is issued, the fee shall be increased by one-half the amount thereof, and the Air Pollution Control Officer shall thereupon promptly notify the applicant of the increased fee by mail. If the increased fee is not paid within 30 days after the permit is issued, the application shall be deemed withdrawn and canceled. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall so notify the applicant by mail, and the permit shall be void.

7. **Permit Granted By Hearing Board**

In the event that a Permit to Operate is granted by the Hearing Board after denial by the Air Pollution Control Officer, the fee provisions of this Rule shall still apply.

8. **Revising Permit Conditions**

Where an application is filed for a Permit to Operate exclusively involving revisions to the conditions of an existing Permit to Operate, the applicant shall pay an evaluation fee in addition to the amount of the filing fee required herein. The annual permit fee will be due and payable on the anniversary date of the original permit.

9. **OPEN**

10. **Source Test Plan Review and Evaluation Fees**

Every person required to conduct a source test under the auspices of Rule 515 - Provision of Sampling and Testing Facilities shall pay a fee of \$700 per test. Said Fee shall be submitted concurrently with the source test plan/protocol. Said Fee shall be used to offset the District's expenses of reviewing the source test plan, attending the test and conducting Rule 202-Visible Emissions evaluations.

11. **Benzene Emission Control Fee**

Every applicant who is or may be subject to Rule 214, and/or Rule 215 shall pay a fee to cover the District's cost of implementing this state mandated program as follows:

- a. Gasoline storage and dispensing registration fee of **\$50.00 per year** per facility (facilities under 480,000 gallons per year).
- b. First year permit to operate fee of **\$ 52.00** per vapor recovery nozzle.
- c. Annual renewal (after first year) of permit to operate fee of **\$30.00** per vapor recovery nozzle.

12. **Soil Aeration/Remediation Fee**

Every applicant for a soil aeration permit shall pay a permit evaluation and review fee of \$ 180.00 per application. Any Risk Assessment conducted by the District shall be billed in accordance with Rule 603 A.4.

13. **Major Sources Subject to Title V**

Major sources subject to Title V of the Clean Air Act of 1990 shall pay a supplementary fee in accordance with the requirements of Rule 605.

14. **Miscellaneous Inspection Fee**

Every applicant or person that requires an inspection for miscellaneous (woodstove certification) reasons, purposes, or certifications, not previously mentioned, shall pay a fee of

\$35.00 per permit, application, or certification.

B. Open Burning Fees

The following fees apply to all open burning conducted within the District. Each type of open burning permit for which the applicable fees have been paid shall be valid for 12 contiguous months from the date of issuance, unless otherwise specified on the burn permit.

1. Agricultural Burning (as defined per Rule 300.A. and conducted per Rule 304):

Burn Permit Base Fee	\$40.00
Acreage Fee	\$ 0.65 per acre

2. Range Improvement Burning (as defined per Rule 300.M. and conducted per Rule 305):

Burn Permit Base Fee	\$40.00
Acreage Fee	\$ 0.65 per (ten acres or less exempt)

3. Forest Management Burning (as defined per Rule 300.I. and conducted per Rule 306):

Burn Permit Base Fee	\$40.00
Acreage Fee	\$ 1.30 per acre (ten acres or less exempt)

4. Wildlands Vegetation Management Burning (as defined per Rule 300.R. and conducted per Rule 307):

Burn Permit Base Fee	\$40.00
Acreage Fee	\$ 0.65 per acre (ten acres or less exempt)

5. Land Development Clearing Burning (as conducted per Rule 308):

Burn Permit Base Fee	\$40.00
Acreage Fee	\$ 1.30 per acre (one acre or less exempt).

6. Ditch, Road, and Right-of-Way Maintenance Burning (as conducted per Rule 309):

Burn Permit Base Fee	\$40.00
Acreage Fee	none

7. Hazard Reduction Burning (as conducted per Rule 310):

Burn Permit Base Fee	\$40.00
Acreage Fee	none

8. Residential Maintenance Burning (as conducted per Rule 311):

Burn Permit Base Fee	none
Acreage Fee	none

9. Special Permit to Burn on a "No-Burn-Day" (As conducted per Rule 313.3):

Burn Permit Base Fee	\$50.00
Acreage Fee	none

10. Permit fees are assessed and due when the permit is issued or no later than 14 days from the issue date, except for project burns conducted under Range Improvement Burning, Forest Management Burning, and Wildlands Vegetation Management Burning, which shall pay fees billed for actual burning conducted between October 1 through September 30. Any fees not paid within 30 days of the due date shall be subject to a late fee of an additional 50% of the original amount.