

# GENERAL LICENSE INFORMATION

## 1. What is the purpose of a license?

The purpose of a License is to compile all requirements, regulations and consents relating to air pollution for a facility in one document.

Maine has had an existing licensing program in place since the early 1970's for the licensing of major and minor sources of air pollution. In the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, licensing was mandated for major sources. Maine has been given the authority over this program in 38 M.R.S.A. Section 344 and 590.

## 2. Who must apply?

Please refer to Maine Regulations Chapters 115 and 140 for a detailed applicability determination. The summaries stated below are not a comprehensive outline of what regulations the facility may be subject to, but rather a general guideline.

### A. Under Chapter 115

All facilities currently licensed under Chapter 115 that are not subject to licensing under Chapter 140 and all new sources not subject to Chapter 140 must be licensed under Chapter 115. Facilities that have the potential to be subject to Chapter 140 but request to take a facility limit to avoid being regulated under Chapter 140 will require a license under Chapter 115. In general, sources subject to Chapter 115 include:

Facilities with the Potential to Emit less than the following:

50 ton per year of VOC.

10 ton per year of a single Hazardous Air Pollutant.

25 ton per year of all Hazardous Air Pollutants combined.

100 ton per year of any other regulated pollutant.

### B. Under Chapter 140

All facilities which are Part 70 sources subject to Chapter 140 shall be licensed under Chapter 140.

Facilities with the Potential to Emit one or more of the following are subject to Chapter 140:

50 ton per year of VOC.

10 ton per year of a single Hazardous Air Pollutant.

25 ton per year of all Hazardous Air Pollutants combined.

100 ton per year of any other regulated pollutant.

**3. What is the application fee?**

There is no application fee for existing licensed sources. Maine's fee system is based on an annual fee charged to the facility based on licensed emissions. Any new source is responsible for submitting the annual fee with the initial application.

**4. How long are these licenses in effect?**

These licenses are in effect for five years unless otherwise stated in the license. If modifications to the facility require that an amendment be issued the term of the amendment is concurrent with the current license.

**5. Department Addresses and Phone Numbers**

For licensing issues contact the main office at the following address:

Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Air Quality Control  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017  
(207) 287-2437

For the purposes of complaints, compliance and inspections contact the Regional Offices at the following addresses: (Central Maine may be contacted through the address given above)

**Southern Maine Regional Office**

312 Canco Road  
Portland, Maine 04103  
(207) 822-6300

**Eastern Maine Regional Office**

106 Hogan Road  
Bangor, Maine 04401  
(207) 941-4570

**Northern Maine Regional Office**

1235 Central Drive Skyway Park  
Presque Isle, Maine 04769  
(207) 764-0477

**6. The License Application**

The license application is, essentially, a compilation of information about all Emission Units, existing license conditions and requirements for those units at the facility.

A license application, in itself, will not impose any additional restrictions or limitations on operations at the facility. A facility may choose to propose alternative limits for purposes of flexible operations or to restrict allowable emissions. Flexible operational limits or new restrictions on emissions is not mandatory.

However, existing limits on a facility may be found unenforceable due to the nature of the limit, the method of limitation or the monitoring of the limit. In such cases, the existing limit may have to be modified to remedy such a deficiency. Such modifications, however, will be done to achieve an equivalent, but federally enforceable, limit.

Refer to instructions for Sections E through I for details on alternative, new and federally enforceable limits.

**Not all questions asked in the license application will be relevant to all facilities. For example, an emission unit may not have any operating**

**restrictions. However, do not leave any spaces blank. In those cases where the question is not relevant, enter "Not Applicable" in the space provided.**

**These forms are to be completed for facilities subject to licensing under either Chapter 140 or Chapter 115. For facilities subject to Chapter 115, Section K may be omitted.**

Comments may be made to clarify any information submitted in this application. Please note clearly what comments or clarification's are made. For multiple emission units copies of all sections may be made as needed (i.e. Sections E through I). The pages should **EACH** clearly identify which unit is being addressed.

## **7. Phase I Submittal Schedule**

Within 12 months of the approval by EPA of Maine's Title V operating permit program all facilities subject to Chapter 140 shall provide Phase I submittal information sufficient to allow the Department to commence review of the facility. Those facilities that are required to submit a Phase II application for an initial Part 70 license within twelve months of the effective date of Chapter 140 shall also be required to submit the Phase I application pursuant to the Phase II submittal schedule.

The information contained in the Phase I submittal shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- A. Name and phone number of the responsible official (Section A of the application);
- B. Facility identification and location, to include a topographical map with the site marked (Section A of the application);
- C. Description of facility activities, to include SIC Codes (Section B of the application);
- D. Identification of regulated pollutants, to include Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) number and quantity in tons per year (Section M of the application);
- E. Identification of Applicable requirements (Section M of the application);

- F. Definition of compliance status, to include compliance schedule as necessary (Section K of the application); and
- G. Certification of compliance status with respect to Applicable requirements (Section K of the application).

All complete Phase II applications, including the public notice of Intent to File as required by Section 3(C)(1) of Chapter 140, shall be submitted according to the schedule in Chapter 140 Appendix C, Section 3.