



DNREC - AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULATION 24 "CONTROL OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND EMISSIONS"

REGULATORY WORKGROUP MEETING

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Air Quality Management Section is proposing to amend Regulation 24 by adding a new section that will require the control of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emissions from lightering operations. Lightering is the transfer of cargo (usually crude oil) from ocean going vessels to service barges and ships, thereby decreasing the draft of the ocean going vessel and allowing them to proceed up the Delaware River. A workgroup representing the regulated community, industry interests, U.S. Coast Guard, public health interests, natural resource interests and DNREC has been established. The primary objectives of this workgroup are to ensure that the regulatory requirements 1) do not jeopardize the safety of a vessel and personnel and 2) are clear, correct and adequate to make the needed VOC emission reduction enforceable by the State of Delaware. The workgroup has held a series of meetings to review the language of a regulatory action proposed in 2001 under Start Action Notice 2000-23. A subgroup from the larger regulatory workgroup recently revised the originally proposed regulatory language. The next workgroup meeting time, location and agenda are as follows.

Workgroup Meeting

Friday, August 4, 2006, 9:30 – Noon
DNREC - Air Quality Management
715 Grantham Lane
New Castle, DE

Agenda

The workgroup will review and comment on the subgroup's recently completed draft regulatory language

For additional information on the meeting and draft regulation, contact Jim Snead in New Castle at (302) 323-4542.