

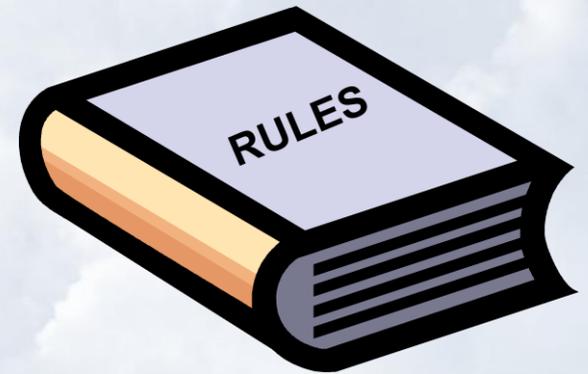
Proposed Amended Rule 1304

Part 70 Operating Permits – Issuance, Renewal, Modification and Reopening

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Presentation Overview

- Rule 1304 Background
- Proposed Changes
- Rule Impacts
- Questions, Discussion, and CAC Recommendation

Rule 1304 Background

- Regulation XIII (Rules 1301 – 1305) was adopted in 1993
 - Based on the 1990 amendments to the Federal Clean Air Act
 - Encompasses the Part 70 (Title V) Operating Permit Program
 - Rule 1304 contains the requirements for public involvement
- When the regulation was originally written, newspapers were the primary means of effective communication.
- Since the 1990s, newspaper subscriptions have been declining.
 - Newspaper is less effective in soliciting public involvement.

E-Notice & E-Access

- **11/10/2016:** EPA amended their rules to allow the District to remove the newspaper notice and replace it with an electronic notice (“e-notice”) and electronic access (“e-access”).
- **E-Notice:** Public notice posted online and sent to subscription list.
- **E-Access:** The draft permit, the permit application, and all relevant supporting materials can be accessed online.
- The District has already been implementing e-notice and e-access for the last decade as it is an effective way to communicate with the public.

Proposed Changes

Rule 1304.D.6

- Language based on EPA Region IX and CAPCOA model rule.
 - Removes the requirement to issue newspaper notices.
 - Codifies the District's e-notice and e-access procedures.

Rule 1304 – All Sections

- Fixed minor grammatical and reference errors in the rule language.

Rule Impacts

1) **Reduces the administrative noticing costs**

- Issuing around 6 newspaper notices per year for Part 70 sources
- Saves District staff time
- Decreases the permitting fees for Part 70 sources

2) **Enhances the clarity of the District's rulebook**

- Improved communication methods with the public
- Improved public access by making permit actions available online
- Broader and better informed public participation

Next Steps

- **Questions and Discussion**
- **CAC Consideration and Recommendation**
- **Bring the Rule Package to the District Board**