



TITLE V EMISSIONS FEE AND OPERATING PERMIT APPLICATION FEE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

These FAQs have been prepared by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist facilities in complying with state fee requirements for the Title V emissions fee and operating permit application fee. This document is intended solely as guidance, cannot be used to bind the DNR and is not a substitute for reading applicable statutes, rules and permits.

1) Are there new fee requirements for operating permit applications submitted to the DNR?

Yes. The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission adopted rules and a fee schedule on December 15, 2015, that include the Title V emissions fee and a new fee for Title V operating permit applications. The fees become effective on **January 15, 2016**.

2) How much are the Title V fees and when do they become effective?

For operating permit applications submitted on or after **January 15, 2016**, applicants will be billed at a rate of \$100 per hour for review and processing of the application. The Title V emissions fee was set at \$67.50 per ton. This rate is effective for Title V emissions fees due on or after **July 1, 2016**. All fees for the air quality program are included in a fee schedule at www.iowadnr.gov/aqfees.

3) Do operating permit application fees apply if my facility is located in Linn or Polk counties?

Yes, Title V operating permit application fees will apply to facilities located in Linn and Polk counties starting **July 1, 2016**. For questions about these facilities contact the local program offices for information on air permitting fees.

For facilities in **Polk** County, contact Jeremy Becker at Jeremy.Becker@polkcountyiowa.gov or 515-286-2263.

For facilities in **Linn** County, contact Shane Dodge at Shane.Dodge@linncounty.org or 319-892-6015.

4) When do the operating permit application fees have to be paid?

There are no fees due at the time the operating permit application is submitted. Applicants will be billed on a calendar quarter basis for operating permit application review activities until the project is completed. Existing Title V permit application forms have been revised to include the needed information for invoicing, including

an application fee agreement. Please fill in the billing information in Form 1.0 (Facility Identification) and sign the application fee agreement in Part 3 (Application Certification). For applicants submitting their operating permit application via SPARS, the revised Form 1.0 and Part 3 must be included as attachments.

5) When do the emissions fees have to be paid?

Title V emissions fees are due on July 1 annually. For example, the fee on chargeable emissions occurring during calendar year 2015 will be due on July 1, 2016.

6) How do I submit the operating permit application fees?

Invoices will be provided to the applicant for the operating permit application processing charges. The invoices will include a payment voucher that can be returned with the payment to the DNR. Payment remittance information will be provided on the invoice.

7) How do I submit the emission inventory fees?

Emissions fees are submitted with the following forms:

- Form 1.0 Facility Identification
- Form 5.0 Title V Annual Emissions Summary/Emissions Fee
- Part 3 Application Certification

Title V forms can be downloaded from the DNR Website at www.iowadnr.gov/aioperatingpermits. Fees can be paid by check, money order, or credit card.

8) What types of operating permit applications are subject to an operating permit application fee?

Fees apply for an initial Title V operating permit application, as well as applications to renew a Title V operating permit. There is no fee for operating permit modifications, including off-permit revisions and administrative amendments.

9) Are emissions fees collected on greenhouse gas emissions?

No. SF488 specifically prohibits collection of emission fees on greenhouse gases.

10) Will non-Title V sources be required to obtain an operating permit and pay operating permit application fees?

No. SF488 only provides authority to collect operating permit application fees from sources required to have a Title V operating permit.

11) How will the Title V operating permit application fee apply to those facilities that have multiple Title V permits?

The operating permit application fee will apply to each operating permit that the facility has if the facility wishes to retain multiple Title V operating permits. Facilities may work with the DNR to have multiple operating permits combined into one operating permit with specific sections denoting the different operations to help the facility manage all of the applicable requirements.

12) How can my facility provide recommendations to the DNR regarding fees?

The Title V fee advisory group (www.iowadnr.gov/titlevfees) will meet annually to review the draft budget and Title V emissions and application fees. Participants may provide recommendations regarding fees necessary to cover all direct and indirect costs to administer the Title V operating permit program. The meeting will be held prior to the March Commission meeting each year and will be posted on the DNR website 14 days prior to the meeting.

13) What will the fees be next year?

Any changes in the fees will be made by the Environmental Protection Commission and posted on www.iowadnr.gov/aqfees. New or adjusted fees will become effective on July 1. Fees not adjusted will remain in effect as previously established.

14) Who do I contact for assistance?

For questions contact Lori Hanson at lori.hanson@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-725-9525.