Exemptions

The DNR considers the following items exempt from MSEI reporting at this time:

1. Any pollutant with actual emissions of less than 0.005 tons per year. When reporting emissions, pollutants only need to be rounded to the nearest one hundredth of a ton;
2. If all pollutants for an emission unit have actual emissions of less than 0.005 tons per year (rounded down to 0.00 tons), then the emission unit can be excluded from the inventory;
3. Fuel-burning equipment for indirect heating and reheating furnaces with a capacity of less than 10 million BTU per hour input per combustion unit when burning natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas;
4. Fuel-burning equipment for indirect heating with a capacity of less than 1 million BTU per hour input per combustion unit when burning untreated wood or fuel oil;
5. Fuel-burning equipment for indirect heating constructed after 10/23/13 with a capacity of less than 265,600 Btu/hr. when burning untreated wood, untreated seeds or pellets, or untreated vegetative materials or burning less than 378,000 pounds/yr of the same materials;
6. Fuel-burning equipment for indirect heating constructed after 10/23/13 with a capacity of less than 50,000 Btu/hr. when burning on-spec used oil or burning less than 3,600 gallons/yr of on-spec used oil;
7. Direct-fired equipment burning natural gas, propane, or liquefied propane with a capacity of less than 10 million BTU per hour input, and direct-fired equipment burning fuel oil with a capacity of less than 1 million BTU per hour input, with emissions that are attributable only to the products of combustion;
8. An internal combustion engine with a brake horsepower rating of less than 400;
9. Any generator or engine that operated less than 100 hours during the emissions year;
10. Storage tanks with a capacity of less than 19,812 gallons *AND* an annual throughput of less than 200,000 gallons;
11. Any container, storage tank, or vessel that contains a fluid having a *maximum true vapor pressure* of less than 0.75 psia;
12. Non-production maintenance activities, which may include brazing, soldering, or welding equipment, and surface coating operations using only hand-held aerosol spray cans;
13. *Manually operated equipment* (see definition in Appendix A on page 75) used for buffing, polishing, carving, cutting, drilling, machining, routing, sanding, sawing, scarfing, surface grinding, planing, or turning;
14. Indoor-vented powder coating operations with filters or powder recovery systems;
15. Parking lots and employee roads used to get to and from work. However, unpaved and paved roads used to haul material and/or product on a regular basis must be included.

NOTE: Indoor-vented sources **MUST** be included in the inventory if they do not qualify for another exemption. If **ALL** emission units at the facility meet an exemption, the facility should submit an email or letter to the DNR explaining why the emission units are exempt and why the inventory will not be submitted. Emails may be sent to Nick.Page@dnr.iowa.gov or letters mailed to: **Emissions Inventory, Air Quality Bureau DNR, 6200 Park Ave Ste 200, Des Moines IA 50321.**