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Collection of Air Permits (CAP) **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

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Linn and Polk Counties have their own permit programs and may have differing or additional guidance.

The DNR is offering a new air quality construction permit option called a Collection of Air Permits (CAP). Current construction permit practice is to issue one permit per emission point. The CAP permit option will still give a permit number to each emission point but will consolidate requirements in one easy-to-use document. This FAQ document addresses some of the questions that may arise when considering a CAP.

Who can use the CAP document?

Any facility with multiple Air Quality construction permits can use the CAP.

Is anyone required to use a CAP?

No. The CAP is a voluntary permitting option for facilities that decide they may benefit from the use of the CAP.

When can I start using the CAP option?

The CAP option is available as a permitting option starting in March 2016.

What type of permits can go into a CAP?

There are no restrictions on the types of Air Quality construction permits that can go into a CAP. However, the CAP may be most useful for similar units that have identical limits, units

that have combined limits, units that are part of a single production line or units that have the same NSPS or NESHAP requirements.

How do I apply for a CAP?

To request a CAP or to modify an existing CAP, indicate in form CP (cover page) of the construction permit application and describe the details of the request. The rest of the application should contain the same application forms as would be required for individual permit documents.

Does the CAP replace the individual construction permits?

Construction permit numbers will continue to be issued by emission point whether within a CAP or as a separate document. The CAP is a document that contains multiple permits and their requirements.

Can existing permits be put into a CAP?

Yes. A CAP can include new, existing or modified units. A new unit or an unpermitted existing unit incorporated into a CAP will be assigned a new construction permit number. When an existing unit with a construction permit is incorporated into a CAP, the permit number will be retained with an increase in the modification sequence by one (e.g. 99-A-9999-S1 to 99-A-9999-S2).

Can I modify only a portion of the units in a CAP without reviewing the unmodified units?

Yes. If any units contained in a CAP are modified, the construction permit number for that unit will increase by one modification sequence (e.g. 99-A-9999-S2 to 99-A-9999-S3). The unmodified units in the CAP will keep the current permit numbers without any change. Only the units modified will have their permit conditions reviewed.

Can a unit be removed from a CAP?

Yes. Permitted units within a CAP may be removed from the CAP by request of the facility. This requires a permit modification request. The permit removed from the CAP will be issued as an individual construction permit in a separate document with an increase in modification sequence number of one as described above.