Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency
Issues Air Quality Permits to Transwestern Pipeline Company

The Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency’s (NNEPA) Air Quality Control Program through its Operating Permit Program (OPP) has issued its first Title V Air permits pursuant to section 202 Part H of the Navajo Nation Operating Permit Regulations. The first two operating permits were issued to the Transwestern Pipeline Company Compressor Station # 3 in Leupp, Arizona and Compressor Station # 4 in Klagetoh, Arizona under the Navajo Nation’s delegation of authority to administer a federal 40 CFR Part 71, Title V operating permit program. NNEPA received this delegation of authority from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in October 2004.

Navajo Nation Air Quality Control Program’s Operating Permit Program regulates emissions at twelve facilities on the Navajo Nation that are defined as “major source” or a “Title V” facility. “Major Source” is any stationary source or any group of stationary sources located on one or more adjacent properties which is under control of same person or persons under common control belonging (company or corporation) to a single or major industrial grouping, that emits or has potential to emit, 10 tons per year (tpy) or more of single hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tpy or more of any combination of hazardous air pollutants listed in section 112(b) of federal Clean Air Act (CAA), and under section 302 of CAA emissions of 100 tpy or more of regulated pollutants from a stationary source.

Section 202 of the Navajo Nation Air Quality Operating Permit regulations require all Title V facilities to obtain a permit from NNEPA and that permits be renewed on a five-year basis. Navajo Air Quality Control Program Operating Permit Program staff will conduct inspections at all Title V facilities as specified by the regulations.

“This new permitting authority ensures that major source facilities do not exceed emission limit requirements as assigned in their permit and that Navajo communities, continue to enjoy clean air,” said Mr. Stephen B. Etsitty, Executive Director of NNEPA.

You can call Calvert L. Curley, Environmental Department Manager or Mohan Asthana, Environmental Engineer at 928-871-4246 for information on the Air Quality Control Program or its permitting program. Other information is available on the website at www.navajonationepa.org/airqty.html.

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