

Final Action on Regulations

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- Roman type indicates text already existing at the time of the proposed action.
- *Italic type* indicates new text added at the time of proposed action.
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Title 11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subtitle 07 MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

11.07.05 Public Notice of Toll Schedule Revisions

Authority: Transportation Article, §§4-205, 4-312, 21-1401, 21-1414, and 27-110, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[20-146-F]

On October 23, 2020, the Executive Director of the Maryland Transportation Authority adopted amendments to Regulations .02 and .05 under COMAR 11.07.05 Public Notice of Toll Schedule Revisions. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 47:18 Md. R. 825—826 (August 28, 2020), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: November 16, 2020.

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Title 26 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Subtitle 11 AIR QUALITY

26.11.41 Control of Methane Emissions from the Natural Gas Industry

Authority: Environment Article, §§1-404, 2-103, 2-1202, and 2-1205, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[20-137-F]

On October 23, 2020, the Secretary of the Environment adopted new Regulations .01—.07 under a new chapter, COMAR 26.11.41 Control of Methane Emissions from the Natural Gas Industry. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 47:16 Md. R. 754—764 (July 31, 2020), has been adopted with the nonsubstantive changes shown below.

Effective Date: November 16, 2020.

Attorney General's Certification

In accordance with State Government Article, §10-113, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Attorney General certifies that the following changes do not differ substantively from the proposed text. The nature of the changes and the basis for this conclusion are as follows:

Regulation .01B(3)(b): The amendment clarifies that certain operational activities do not qualify as a "blowdown". The use of the word "pressure" in the originally proposed definition for "blowdown" was an administrative error; "pressure seal" is not an actual term used in the natural gas industry. Instead, the definition of "blowdown" was intended to use the term "compressor seal", which is defined in Regulation .01B(26). Therefore, the clarifying language is nonsubstantive and does not change the intent or impact of the regulation as originally proposed.

Regulation .07B(7): The amendment provides clarity on the standard of measure affected sources are required to utilize for reporting blowdown emissions. The Department's intent was to align the standard of measure in Regulation .07B(7) with the standard of measure contained in 40 CFR Part 98, Subpart W, §98.233. Therefore, the clarifying language is nonsubstantive and does not change the intent or impact of the regulation as originally proposed.

.01 Definitions.

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. *Terms Defined.*

(1)—(2) (proposed text unchanged)

(3) *Blowdown.*

(a) (proposed text unchanged)

(b) "*Blowdown*" does not include natural gas pneumatics emissions, fugitive components emissions, or ~~[[pressure]]~~ compressor seal leakage.

(4)—(30) (proposed text unchanged)

.07 Record-Keeping and Reporting Requirements.

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. *Blowdown Events and Reports.*

(1)—(6) (proposed text unchanged)

(7) *Affected facilities shall report the following information to the Department of blowdown emissions in excess of 50 ~~[[standard]]~~ cubic feet within the facility's fence line annually by April 1 of each year:*

(a)—(c) (proposed text unchanged)

(8) (proposed text unchanged)

C.—D. (proposed text unchanged)

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