Final Rule: General Permits and Permits by Rule for the Federal Minor New Source Review Program in Indian Country for Six Source Categories (SAN 5720)

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Attached is a final rule that provides general permits for use in Indian country pursuant to the Federal Indian Country Minor NSR rule for new or modified minor sources in the following six source categories: (1) concrete batch plants; (2) boilers and emergency engines; (3) stationary spark ignition engines; (4) stationary compression ignition engines; (5) graphic arts and printing operations; and (6) sawmill facilities.

As a quick reminder, this rule has been categorized Tier 3, and non-significant by OMB. The regulatory deadline for non-oil and natural gas sources for implementation of the Indian Country Minor NSR rule was September 2, 2014. Following this date, new and modified true minor sources have been required to obtain minor source permits prior to construction. This action needs to be in place as soon as possible to minimize the burden on reviewing authorities and sources, and to ensure the timely issuance of permits. Stakeholders will have different reactions – some positive and some negative. Tribes and industry groups will appreciate the general permits as a streamlined minor source permitting mechanism but some may consider them too stringent.

We have settled on the issuance of a general permit for the graphic arts and printing operations source category. We have made adjustments/clarifications in the general permits to some of their terms and conditions (e.g., expanded the draft boilers permit to include emergency engines).

Feel free to call me with any questions or if you need additional information.

Thanks.

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