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Facts About...

Amendments to COMAR 26.11.02.17 Fee Schedule: Permit to Construct

Purpose

The purpose of this action is to reduce the permit to construct application fee for charbroilers and pit barbecues. This action also reduces the permit to construct application fee for small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 million Btu per hour (10 MMBtu/hr).

Submission to EPA as Revision to Maryland's SIP (or 111(d) Plan, or Title V Program)

This action will not be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval as part of Maryland's State Implementation Plan.

Background

This action is part of the Governor's regulatory initiative to reduce fees for Maryland taxpayers and small businesses. The purpose of this action is to reduce the permit to construct fees under COMAR 26.11.02.17 for charbroilers and pit barbecues, and small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr.

Sources Affected and Location

The permit to construct for charbroilers and pit barbecues applies to any person who owns, constructs, installs or operates a non-residential charbroiler or pit barbecue with a total cooking area that is greater than 5 square feet. The permit to construct for small fuel burning equipment applies to any person who owns, constructs, installs or operates small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr.

Regulation Amendments

Currently, businesses that apply for a permit to construct charbroilers or pit barbecues must pay \$200. This regulatory action reduces the fee to \$100. Currently, businesses that apply for a permit to construct small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr must pay \$500. This regulatory action reduces the fee to \$400.

Projected Emissions Reductions

N/A

Economic Impact on Affected Sources, the Department, other State Agencies, Local Government, other Industries or Trade Groups, the Public

The reduction of the permit to construct application fee for charbroilers and pit barbecues will provide a one-time economic benefit to the business of \$100. The reduction of the permit to construct application fee for small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr will provide a one-time economic benefit to the business of \$100.

In 2015, 51 businesses applied for a permit to construct a charbroiler or pit barbecue and 91 businesses applied for a permit to construct small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr. Based on these current numbers, the Department will experience an annual decrease in revenue of approximately \$5,100 for permits to construct charbroilers or pit barbecues and an annual decrease in revenue of approximately \$9,100 for permits to construct small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr, for a total annual decrease in revenue of approximately \$14,200.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The reduction of the permit to construct application fee for charbroilers and pit barbecues will provide a one-time economic benefit to the business of \$100. The reduction of the permit to construct application fee for small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr will provide a one-time economic benefit to the business of \$100.

Is there an Equivalent Federal Standard to this Proposed Regulatory Action?

No.