

7011.1105 STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR CERTAIN COAL HANDLING FACILITIES.

The owner or operator of any new coal handling facility, or an existing coal handling facility located within the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Air Quality Control Region or within the boundaries of the city of Duluth, shall perform the following abatement measures unless otherwise exempt by portions of these parts:

A. Access areas, roads, parking facilities.

(1) Install asphalt or concrete surfaces or chemical agents on all active truck haul roads of the coal handling facility when the coal throughput by truck is 200,000 tons or greater. All paved roads and areas shall be cleaned to minimize the discharge to the atmosphere of fugitive particulate emissions. Such cleaning shall be accomplished in a manner which minimizes resuspension of particulate matter. Access areas surrounding coal stockpiles and parking facilities which are located within a coal handling facility shall be treated with water, oils, or chemical agents.

(2) No person shall cause or permit the use of access areas surrounding coal stockpiles and use of all active truck haul roads and parking facilities which are located within a coal handling facility whose coal throughput by truck is less than 200,000 tons unless such areas and roads are treated with water, oils, or chemical agents.

B. Coal loading stations. Control fugitive particulate emissions from the loading of trucks, haulers, and railcars by dust suppression methods so that emissions from such sources are minimized.

C. Truck and hauler unloading stations. Control fugitive particulate emissions from the unloading of trucks or haulers by dust suppression methods so that emissions from such sources are minimized.

D. Barge or vessel loading stations.

When the amount of coal loaded into barges or vessels at a given facility is 200,000 tons per year or greater, conveyor systems shall utilize loadout spouts with remote control capability for movement sideways, up and down, and telescoping so as to decrease as much as practical the vertical free fall of coal at all times during the loadout operation. Choke feeding devices, flood loading, or other equivalent equipment or methods may be installed as alternates on conveyor systems to control fugitive emissions. Crane and shovels shall be operated so as to minimize the vertical free fall of coal.

When the amount of coal loaded into barges or vessels at a given facility is less than 200,000 tons per year, control fugitive particulate emissions by dust suppression methods so that emissions from such sources are minimized.

E. Barge or vessel unloading station. Cranes, shovels, and conveyors shall be operated in a manner which decreases as much as practical the vertical free fall of coal. Control fugitive particulate emissions during unloading so that fugitive particulate emissions are minimized.

F. Stockpiles, stockpile construction, and reclaiming.

(1) Control fugitive particulate emissions by dust suppression methods on such operations so that fugitive particulate emissions are minimized.

(2) In the alternative, use an underground bottom feed (plow) of coal to an underground conveyor system provided the exhaust gases from the enclosed spaces do not contain particulate matter in excess of 0.020 grains per dry standard cubic foot (gr/dscf).

G. Enclosed coal handling facilities or emissions units not specifically covered by any other provision in these parts. If exhaust gases from any enclosed coal handling facility exceed 20 percent opacity, then the owner or operator of such facility shall select and implement one of the following further controls:

(1) install exhaust air system and control exhaust gases so that particulate emissions in such gases do not exceed 0.020 gr/dscf;

(2) control exhaust gases using dust suppression methods so that particulate emissions do not exhibit greater than 20 percent opacity.

H. Railcar unloading. When the amount of coal unloaded by rail is 200,000 tons per year or greater, unload railcars only within a permanent building or structure. If exhaust gases from such building or structure exceed 20 percent opacity, then the owner or operator of such facility shall select and implement one of the following further controls: install an exhaust air system and control exhaust gases so that particulate emissions in such gases do not exceed 0.020 gr/dscf; or control exhaust gases using dust suppression methods so that particulate emissions do not exhibit greater than 20 percent opacity.

When the amount of coal unloaded by rail is less than 200,000 tons per year control fugitive particulate emissions during unloading so that fugitive particulate emissions are minimized.

I. Operating practices. Clean up all coal spilled on roads or access areas as soon as practicable using methods that minimize the amount of dust suspended.

Maintain air pollution control equipment in proper operating condition and utilize air pollution control systems as designed.

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