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MEMAORANDUM

To: Chiefs
Regional Air Quality Supervisors

From: Keith Overcash

Subject: Permit Annual and Application Fees for Calendar 2008

Attached are the official tables for the recently approved Title V permit annual and application fees for 2008. We will print copies for the Rule Book. Meanwhile, please send a copy of this memorandum to anyone likely to need it. Effective March 1, 2008, the basic permit fee will increase from $6,311 to $6,500 and the tonnage factor will increase from $18.50/ton to $22.50/ton. Additional annual increases in the tonnage factor through 2011 have also been approved as detailed in the tables.

The fee increases have been subject to a formal public process and have been highly scrutinized by appointed and elected officials:

- The need for the increase in Title V permit fees was discussed with industry representatives last summer. Based on their feedback, several changes were made to the original proposal.
- A draft rule with revised fee schedule was presented to the Environmental Management Commission in September 2007.
- A public hearing was held in November 2007, with no adverse comments received.
- The need for the fee increases has been presented to the legislature's Environmental Review Commission and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.
- The Environmental Management Commission approved the rule changes in January 2008.
- The Rules Review Commission gave the new rules a favorable report on February 21, 2008, the final step in the process.

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The first invoice billing for the increased fees will be in April 2008 for all Title V facilities with an anniversary date beginning in March 2008. Because of the fee increase, there will be no Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase this year.

Attachment

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