Administrative Rule Analysis



PART 2. AIR USE APPROVAL

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

These proposed rules would align state-level air quality regulations, as enforced by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), with the standards for air quality defined in the federal Clean Air Act and enforced by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA delegates air quality programs to the appropriate state agency under the condition that the agency's regulations comply with EPA standards. These proposed rules are intended to maintain DEQ's compliance with EPA standards.

Proposed rule 902 adopts references to federal Clean Air Act standards. Proposed rule 971 is required of any state that administers its own air permitting program. Proposed rules 973 and 974 are necessary to begin to provide for DEQ to take over the regulation of large municipal waste combustors in Michigan; these facilities are current regulated at the federal level.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

These proposed rules would not affect costs or revenues for the Department of Environmental Quality. The functions outlined in these proposed rules fall within the purview of DEQ's current regulatory functions. These proposed rules would not affect costs or revenues for local units of government. Local units of government that are currently subject to the regulation of large municipal waste combustors are unlikely to see a change in costs as a result of the shift from EPA regulation to DEQ regulation included in proposed rules 973 and 974.

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