

**15A NCAC 02D .0307 EMISSION REDUCTION PLAN: EMERGENCY LEVEL**

(a) General

- (1) There shall be no open burning of any material otherwise allowed under 15A NCAC 02D .1900.
- (2) The use of incinerators for the disposal of any form of solid or liquid waste shall be prohibited.
- (3) All places of employment described below shall cease operations:
  - (A) mining and quarrying of nonmetallic minerals;
  - (B) all manufacturing establishments except those required to have in force a preplanned abatement program for an air pollution emergency;
  - (C) all construction work involving grading or other operations that generate dust;
  - (D) all wholesale and retail establishments except pharmacies and stores primarily engaged in the sale of food;
  - (E) all commercial and manufacturing establishments, automobile repair services and garages, laundries, barbershops, beauty shops, and motion picture theaters; and
  - (F) elementary and secondary schools, colleges, universities, and professional schools.
- (4) The use of motor vehicles is prohibited except in emergencies with the approval of local or state police.

(b) Source Curtailment. Any person responsible for the operation of a source of air pollution shall take all required control actions for the emergency level that are listed below:

- (1) Operators of coal- or oil-fired electric power generating facilities shall:
  - (A) use fuels having lowest ash and sulfur content;
  - (B) perform boiler lancing or soot blowing between noon to 4:00 p.m.;
  - (C) divert electric power generation to facilities outside of emergency area;
- (2) Operators of coal- or oil-fired process steam generating facilities shall:
  - (A) reduce heat and steam demands to that necessary to prevent equipment damage;
  - (B) perform boiler lancing and soot blowing between noon and 4:00 p.m.;
  - (C) take the action called for in the preplanned abatement program;
- (3) Operators of manufacturing industries of the following classifications: primary metals industries; petroleum refining and related industries; chemical and allied products industries; paper and allied products industries; glass, clay, and concrete products industries shall:
  - (A) eliminate air pollutants from manufacturing operations by ceasing, curtailing, postponing, or deferring production and related operations to the extent possible without causing injury to persons or damage to equipment;
  - (B) eliminate air pollution from trade waste disposal processes which emit particles, gases, vapors, or malodorous substances;
  - (C) reduce heat-load demands for processing to the minimum;
  - (D) perform boiler lancing or soot blowing between 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and
- (4) Other persons requested by the Commission to prepare a preplanned abatement program shall take all required control actions for the emergency level contained in their program plan.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143-215.3(a)(1); 143-215.3(a)(12);  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
Amended Eff. July 1, 1984; December 1, 1976;  
Readopted Eff. January 1, 2018.*