

Maryland Department of the Environment:

COMAR 26.11.36 Distributed Generation

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10/18/10- Introduced

2/15/11- Public Hearing

Summary:

There are no new requirements for owners of engines, the new requirements pertain to the CSPs.

Owners of engines are still subject to existing NOx requirements from COMAR26.11.09.08-1. The purpose is to assist Department in calculating NOx emissions from engines to determine potential impact on air quality. No emissions reductions are expected. Regulations will not be submitted as a SIP revision.

Action	Description
1-Establish annual reporting requirements for Curtailment Service Providers (CSPs) that negotiate contracts with facilities that operate onsite generators/engines	CSPs must provide a report by April 1 each year, beginning in 2012, for the previous calendar year (including those under contract, details on engines, dates/hours of operation and kWh, and curtailment activities).
2-Clarifies (and relocates) COMAR 26.11.09.08-1- emergency generators and load shaving units	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Published May 2009- established NOx requirement for stationary generators less than 1,000 horsepower that meet federal requirements.• Operation of units limited to emergencies, testing and maintenance.• Units must have a timer for non-emergency operation.• Non-emergency use limited to 10 hours from May 1 to September 30. Further use requires purchase of NOx allowances.• Requirements differ for installations pre- and post-January 1, 2009 based on federal requirement changes
3-Relocates COMAR 26.11.09.01- definitions pertaining to distributed generation and load shaving	
4-Updates location reference of “load shaving” under COMAR 26.11.02.10E	