1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to require any person constructing, altering, replacing or operating any source operation which emits, may emit, or may reduce emissions to obtain an Authority to Construct or a Permit to Operate. This rule also explains the posting requirements for a Permit to Operate and the illegality of a person willfully altering, defacing, forging, counterfeiting or falsifying any Permit to Operate.

2.0 Applicability

The provisions of this rule shall apply to any person who plans to or does operate, construct, alter, or replace any source operation which may emit air contaminants or may reduce the emission of air contaminants.

3.0 Authority to Construct

Any person building, altering or replacing any operation, article, machine, equipment, or other contrivance, the use of which may cause the issuance of air contaminants or the use of which may eliminate or reduce or control the issuance of air contaminants, shall first obtain authorization for such construction from the APCO. An Authority to Construct shall remain in effect until the Permit to Operate the source operation for which the application was filed is granted or denied, or the application is canceled as described in Rule 2050 (Cancellation of Application).

4.0 Permit to Operate

Before any new or modified source operation described in Section 3.0, or any existing source operation so described may be operated, a written permit shall be obtained from the APCO. No Permit to Operate shall be granted either by the APCO or the Hearing Board for any source operation described in Section 3.0 constructed or installed without authorization as required by Section 3.0 until the information required is presented to the APCO and such source operation is altered, if necessary, and made to conform to the standards set forth in Rule 2070 (Standards for Granting Applications) and elsewhere in these rules and regulations.

4.1 New Equipment

A person shall notify the APCO before operating or using any source operation granted an Authority to Construct. Upon such notification, the Authority to Construct shall serve as a temporary Permit to Operate for the source operation until the Permit to Operate is granted or denied. The source operation shall not be operated contrary to the conditions specified in the Authority to Construct.

4.2 Modified Equipment

The Authority to Construct granted to modify any source operation having a valid Permit to Operate shall serve as a temporary Permit to Operate for the source operation until a new Permit to Operate is granted or denied. The modified source operation shall not be operated contrary to the conditions specified in the Authority to Construct. A person shall notify the APCO in writing when construction is completed.

4.3 Existing Equipment

When an application for a Permit to Operate is filed for any existing source operation, the application shall serve as a temporary Permit to Operate for the source operation. If the source operation was previously operated under a Permit to Operate and has not been altered, it shall not be operated under a temporary Permit to Operate contrary to the conditions specified in the previous Permit to Operate.

5.0 Posting of a Permit to Operate

A person who has been granted a Permit to Operate any source operation described in Section 4.0 shall firmly affix such Permit to Operate, an approved facsimile, or other approved identification bearing the permit number upon the source operation, in such a manner as to be clearly visible and accessible. In the event that the source operation is so constructed or operated that the Permit to Operate cannot be so placed, the Permit to Operate shall be mounted so as to be clearly visible in an accessible place within 25 feet of the source operation or maintained readily available at all times on the operating premises.

6.0 Altering of Permit

A person shall not willfully deface, alter, forge, counterfeit, or falsify a Permit to Operate any source.