**State of Utah**

**Administrative Rule Analysis**

Revised November 2021

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| **Notice of Proposed Rule** | | |
| **TYPE OF RULE:**  New \_\_\_; Amendment \_X\_\_; Repeal \_\_\_; Repeal and Reenact \_\_\_ | | |
|  | **Title No. - Rule No. - Section No.** | |
| **Utah Admin. Code Ref (R no.):** | **R307-508** | **Filing ID (Office Use Only)** |
| **Changed to Admin. Code Ref. (R no.):** | **R** | |

**Agency Information**

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| **1. Department:** | Department of Environmental Quality | |
| **Agency:** | Division of Air Quality | |
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| Please address questions regarding information on this notice to the agency. | | |

**General Information**

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| **2. Rule or section catchline:** |
| R307-508. Oil and Gas Industry: VOC Control Devices |
| **3. Purpose of the new rule or reason for the change** (Why is the agency submitting this filing?)**:** |
| These amendments are necessary to align current oil and gas rules with new data from studies and compliance inspections. These changes reflect more accurate emission calculations that indicate a previous underestimation of VOC emissions from tanks and other components. The proposed changes will ensure the protection of air quality standards and improve compliance with required emission controls. |
| **4. Summary of the new rule or change** (What does this filing do? If this is a repeal and reenact, explain the substantive differences between the repealed rule and the reenacted rule)**:** |
| This rule removes an applicability exemption previously granted to producing wells with an approval order issued under R307-401. |

**Fiscal Information**

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| **5. Provide an estimate and written explanation of the aggregate anticipated cost or savings to:** | | | |
| **A) State budget:** | | | |
| The fiscal impact from these amendments on the state budget for FY22, FY23, and FY24 is estimated to be between a benefit of $9,400 and a cost of $21,620. There are 94 facilities that have an exemption through their approval order and it’s their choice to either keep the approval order or switch to permit-by-rule. Cancelling an existing approval order requires producers to enroll in the permit-by-rule system. The one-time fee to cancel an approval order ranges from $220 to $550. This could increase state revenue by between $20,680 and $51,700, but is offset by the elimination of the $150 approval order annual fee per facility - $14,400 total. The number of facilities that will choose to move to the permit-by-rule system is unknown, but the incentive structure makes switching cost effective in less than 4 years. The exact cost for each facility to switch is also unknown, but DAQ anticipates that the fiscal impact on the state budget will fall within the range outlined above. | | | |
| **B) Local governments:** | | | |
| This rule change is not expected to have any fiscal impact on local governments because it does not apply to them. | | | |
| **C) Small businesses** ("small business" means a business employing 1-49 persons)**:** | | | |
| This rule change is not expected to have a fiscal impact on small businesses because it simply clarifies the characteristics of the VOC control devices already required by R307-506. | | | |
| **D) Non-small businesses** ("non-small business" means a business employing 50 or more persons)**:** | | | |
| This rule change is not expected to have a fiscal impact on non-small businesses because it simply clarifies the characteristics of the VOC control devices already required by R307-506. | | | |
| **E) Persons other than small businesses, non-small businesses, state, or local government entities** ("person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental entity, or public or private organization of any character other than an ***agency***)**:** | | | |
| This rule change is not expected to have any fiscal impact on persons other than small businesses, non-small businesses, state, or local government entities because the rule only applies to businesses in the oil and gas industry. | | | |
| **F) Compliance costs for affected persons** (How much will it cost an impacted entity to adhere to this rule or its changes?)**:** | | | |
| This rule change will not have a compliance cost for affected persons. | | | |
| **G) Comments by the department head on the fiscal impact this rule may have on businesses** (Include the name and title of the department head): | | | |
| After a thorough analysis and engagement with impacted parties, the Division of Air Quality has determined that the amendments to R307-508 will not result in a fiscal impact on businesses because the amendments are clarifying the characteristics of the VOC control devices that are already required by rule.  Kimberly D. Shelley, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality | | | |
| **6. A) Regulatory Impact Summary Table** (This table only includes fiscal impacts that could be measured. If there are inestimable fiscal impacts, they will not be included in this table. Inestimable impacts will be included in narratives above.) | | | |
| **Regulatory Impact Table** | | | |
| **Fiscal Cost** | **FY2022** | **FY2023** | **FY2024** |
| State Government | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Local Governments | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Small Businesses | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Non-Small Businesses | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Other Persons | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| **Total Fiscal Cost** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** |
| **Fiscal Benefits** |  |  |  |
| State Government | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Local Governments | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Small Businesses | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Non-Small Businesses | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Other Persons | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| **Total Fiscal Benefits** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** |
| **Net Fiscal Benefits** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** |
| **B) Department head approval of regulatory impact analysis:** | | | |
| The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, Kim Shelley, has reviewed and approved this fiscal analysis. | | | |

**Citation Information**

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| **7. Provide citations to the statutory authority for the rule. If there is also a federal requirement for the rule, provide a citation to that requirement:** | | |
| 19-2-104 |  |  |
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**Incorporations by Reference Information**

(If this rule incorporates more than two items by reference, please include additional tables.)

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| **8. A) This rule adds, updates, or removes the following title of materials incorporated by references** (a copy of materials incorporated by reference must be submitted to the Office of Administrative Rules; *if none, leave blank*)**:** | |
|  | **First Incorporation** |
| **Official Title of Materials Incorporated (from title page)** |  |
| **Publisher** |  |
| **Date Issued** |  |
| **Issue, or version** |  |

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| **B) This rule adds, updates, or removes the following title of materials incorporated by references** (a copy of materials incorporated by reference must be submitted to the Office of Administrative Rules; *if none, leave blank*)**:** | |
|  | **Second Incorporation** |
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**Public Notice Information**

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| **9. The public may submit written or oral comments to the agency identified in box 1.** (The public may also request a hearing by submitting a written request to the agency. See Section 63G-3-302 and Rule R15-1 for more information.) | | |
| **A) Comments will be accepted until** (mm/dd/yyyy)**:** | | 5/31/2022 |
| **B) A public hearing (optional) will be held:** | | |
| **On** (mm/dd/yyyy)**:** | **At** (hh:mm AM/PM)**:** | **At** (place)**:** |
| May 24, 2022 | 1:00PM | https://meet.google.com/ozt-syme-rum?hs=122&authuser=0 |
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| **10. This rule change MAY become effective on** (mm/dd/yyyy)**:** | 07/07/2022 |
| NOTE: The date above is the date the agency anticipates making the rule or its changes effective. It is NOT the effective date. To make this rule effective, the agency must submit a Notice of Effective Date to the Office of Administrative Rules on or before the date designated in Box 10. | |

**Agency Authorization Information**

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| **To the agency**: Information requested on this form is required by Sections 63G-3-301, 302, 303, and 402. Incomplete forms will be returned to the agency for completion, possibly delaying publication in the *Utah State Bulletin* and delaying the first possible effective date. | | | |
| **Agency head or designee, and title:** | Bryce C. Bird, Director | **Date** (mm/dd/yyyy)**:** | 04/06/2022 |

**R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.**

**R307-508. Oil and Gas Industry: VOC Control Devices.**

**R307-508-1. Purpose.**

Rule R307-508 establishes requirements for VOC control devices associated with well sites used to control emissions of VOCs.

**R307-508-2. Applicability.**

(1) Rule R307-508 applies to each VOC control device located at a well site as defined in 40 CFR 60.5430a Subpart OOOOa Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production, Transmission and Distribution.

(2) Rule R307-508 shall apply to centralized tank batteries, as defined in Rule R307-506-2.

[ ~~(3) R307-508 does not apply to VOC control devices that are subject to an approval order issued under R307-401-8.~~]

**R307-508-3. VOC Control Device Requirements.**

(1) A VOC control device required by Rule R307-506 or R307-507 must have a control efficiency of 95% or greater.

(a) The VOC control device shall operate with no visible emissions.

(b) The VOC control device must comply with Rule R307-503.

(2) A well site shall demonstrate compliance by meeting the performance test methods and procedures specified in 40 CFR 60.5413a.

(3) VOC control devices and all associated equipment shall be inspected monthly by audio, visual, or olfactory (AVO) means to ensure the integrity of the equipment is maintained and is operational. If equipment is not operational, corrective action shall be taken within 15 days of discovery.

**R307-508-4. Recordkeeping.**

(1) The owner or operator shall keep and maintain records of the VOC control device's control efficiency guaranteed by the manufacturer. These records shall be retained for the life of the control equipment on site.

(2) The owner or operator shall keep and maintain records of the manufacturer's written operating and maintenance instructions. These records shall be retained for the life of the control equipment.

(3) The owner or operator shall keep and maintain records of the VOC control device AVO inspections. These shall be retained for a minimum of three years. These records shall include:

(a) the date of the inspection;

(b) the status of the control device and associated equipment; and

(c) date of corrective action taken, if applicable.

**KEY: air pollution, oil, gas**

**Date of Last Change: 2022[~~March 5, 2018~~]**

**Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: 19-2-104(1)(a)**

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