

**York Hospital  
York County  
York, Maine  
A-468-71-F-M**

**Departmental  
Findings of Fact and Order  
Air Emission License  
Amendment #1**

After review of the air emissions license amendment application, staff investigation reports and other documents in the applicant's file in the Bureau of Air Quality, pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A., Section 344 and Section 590, the Department finds the following facts:

**I. REGISTRATION**

**A. Introduction**

1. York Hospital located in York, Maine was issued Air Emission License A-468-71-E-R/A on September 7, 2006 permitting the operation of emission sources associated with their healthcare facility.
2. York Hospital has requested a minor revision to their license in order to redefine the term "emergency" as it pertains to the operation of the facility's emergency diesel generators.

**B. Revision Description**

York Hospital's current air emission license specifically prohibits them from running their emergency generators, for purposes other than for regular maintenance, until off-site power becomes unavailable. That is the point at which the term "emergency" has traditionally been applied.

Due to the potential for tight electricity supplies, ISO New England has taken several precautionary steps to ensure the reliability of the region-wide bulk power system. One of those steps is the implementation of the Demand Response Program. This program offers financial incentives to customers, such as York Hospital, to reduce electricity demand during peak periods. This program can significantly improve the reliability of the region-wide bulk power system and hopefully allow ISO New England to avoid drastic measures, such as brown outs.

In order for York Hospital to participate in the Demand Response Program, they need to start their generators and run them prior to, or in lieu of, loss of off-site power. York Hospital will only operate in this manner if there is a documented request from ISO New England under their emergency OP-4 procedures. ISO New England's OP-4 is a procedure which establishes criteria and guidelines for actions during capacity deficiencies. OP-4 is implemented when there is

determined to be a serious threat to the integrity of the bulk power system. Therefore, the Department has agreed to redefine the term “emergency” as it applies to York Hospital’s generators to include ISO New England OP-4 emergencies. Additionally, York Hospital shall only be permitted to operate their generators in response to an OP-4 emergency for a total of no more than 50 hours each calendar year.

C. Application Classification

This amendment will not increase permitted emissions of any pollutant. Therefore, this modification is determined to be a minor revision and has been processed as such.

**ORDER**

The Department hereby grants Air Emission License Minor Revision A-468-71-F-M, subject to the conditions found in Air Emission License A-468-71-E-R/A and in addition to the following conditions.

Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision, or part thereof, of this License shall not affect the remainder of the provision or any other provisions. This License shall be construed and enforced in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision or part thereof had been omitted.

**Condition (17)(B) of air emission license A-468-71-E-R/A is deleted.**

**The following are new Conditions:**

(20) **OP-4 Emergencies**

- A. York Hospital shall only operate the emergency generators for periods of maintenance, emergencies when off-site power is unavailable, and ISO New England OP-4 emergencies. [MEDEP Chapter 115, BPT]
- B. York Hospital shall keep records for OP-4 emergencies which include the date, which generators were operated, start time and stop time for each generator, and documentation that York Hospital was contacted by ISO New England and asked to reduce consumption as part of an OP-4 event. [MEDEP Chapter 115, BPT]

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C. York Hospital shall not operate the emergency generators for more than 50 hours each per calendar year in response to an OP-4 emergency. [MEDEP Chapter 115, BPT]

DONE AND DATED IN AUGUSTA, MAINE THIS                      DAY OF                      2007.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID P. LITTELL, COMMISSIONER

**The term of this amendment shall be concurrent with the term of Air Emission License A-468-71-E-R/A.**

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Date of initial receipt of application: 5/1/07

Date of application acceptance: 5/2/07

Date filed with the Board of Environmental Protection: \_\_\_\_\_

This Order prepared by Lynn Ross, Bureau of Air Quality.