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Department of Energy and Environment

CHAPTER 2 TECHNICAL SUPPORT MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **United States Government Publishing Office
Permit No. 6208 for a Presstek 52DI Non-Heatset Offset Sheet-Fed
Lithographic Printing Press (Press Group 52)**

DATE: April 9, 2018

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On March 26, 2009, the Air Quality Division (“AQD”) of the Department of Energy and Environment (“DOEE” or “the Department”) (then known as the District Department of the Environment) received an application from the United States Government Publishing Office (“GPO”) (then known as the United States Government Printing Office) to install one a Presstek 52DI non-heatset offset sheet-fed lithographic printing press at their facility, located at 732 North Capitol Street NW. For various reasons, no action was taken on the application in a timely fashion and the unit was installed and subsequently operated without first obtaining a permit as required by 20 DCMR 200. With subsequent emails dated October 3, 2017 (2) and April 3, 2018, both from Lonny Beal of GPO, sufficient information was obtained to draft the permit and propose it for public review.

This unit is the only unit in the facility’s designated “Press Group 52”.

The applicant has not requested that any of the information submitted to the Department be held confidential pursuant to 20 DCMR 106.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The press to be permitted is one Presstek 52DI non-heatset sheet-fed offset lithographic printing press. Per Mr. Beal’s October 3, 2017 emails, the unit does not use cleaner, fountain solution, or blanket wash. It is a waterless system with a roll of cloth that cleans the press.

At this time, the potential to emit volatile organic compounds (VOC) from this facility exceeds 25 tons per year (TPY), the threshold for a major source. Based on the emission calculations provided by the facility, this particular press has the potential to emit 0.079 TPY of VOC. These emissions are based on an assumption of maximum operations of 8,760 hours per year of

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operation.

The facility is currently covered by extended Title V Operating Permit #029 which is currently in the renewal process. This equipment is not in the Title V permit, but will need to be included when the permit is renewed.

REGULATORY REVIEW

In developing this permit, the following regulations were evaluated for applicability.

20 DCMR Chapter 2, Section 200: General Permit Requirements

Pursuant to 20 DCMR 200.1 and 200.2, because the equipment is a stationary source that has the potential to emit air pollutants, a permit from the Department must be obtained to install and operate the equipment. The equipment was originally installed without the required permit; however this permitting action will address this deficiency. This permit will be issued as a permit to operate pursuant to 20 DCMR 200.2, however, because no permit to construct was ever issued, requirements have been included in the permit as they would have been if such permit had been issued pursuant to 20 DCMR 200.1.

20 DCMR Chapter 2, Section 204: Permit Requirements for Sources Affecting Non-Attainment Areas

Because the facility is not significantly increasing emissions as a result of the press (the potential to emit VOCs of 0.079 tons per year (TPY) are well below the 25 TPY value meeting the definition of "significant"), the requirements of this section are not applicable.

20 DCMR Chapter 2, Section 205: New Source Performance Standards

There are no NSPS subparts applicable to this printing press.

20 DCMR Chapter 2, Section 209: Permit Requirements for Non-Major Stationary Sources (Minor New Source Review)

The potential emissions VOCs (0.079 TPY) are well below the 5 TPY threshold for applicability of this regulation. Additionally, this equipment was installed prior to the applicability date of the regulation, January 1, 2014. As such, the requirements of this regulation are not applicable.

20 DCMR Chapter 3: Operating Permits and Acid Rain Programs

As discussed above, the facility has the potential to emit greater than the major source threshold of VOCs. As such, the facility already has an extended Title V permit (#029) that is currently in the renewal process. Condition I(g) of the attached permit requires that the Title V permit application be supplemented within 180 days of the issuance of the permit for this unit. Additionally, the record keeping requirements in the permit have been extended to five years from three years required elsewhere as Chapter 3 requires this longer retention schedule.

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20 DCMR Chapter 6: Particulates

No significant amount of particulate matter is expected to result from construction or operation of this equipment. As a result, the visible emission requirements of 20 DCMR 606 have been included in Condition II(a), but no other particulate matter requirements have been included in the permit. However, because any visible emissions from this type of source would be an indication of improper operation of the equipment, the language of this requirement was made more stringent to not allow any visible emissions from the equipment. This modification was made pursuant to authority under 20 DCMR 201.

20 DCMR Chapter 7: Volatile Organic Compounds and Hazardous Air Pollutants

20 DCMR 716 is applicable to all lithographic printing operations. The requirements of this section are included throughout the proposed permit, but especially significantly throughout the operating conditions of Condition III. Appropriate monitoring, testing, record keeping, and reporting requirements have been included in subsequent sections of the permit to make those requirements enforceable as a practical matter.

It should be noted that the “offset lithography printing operation” (all offset lithography presses at the site in combination) has been calculated to have a “theoretical potential to emit” (see 20 DCMR 716.1(a) and 20 DCMR 715.1) of well over 25 TPY of VOC. As such, 20 DCMR 716.8(a) is applicable rather than 716.8(b). As a result, GPO must use only cleaning solutions with VOC composite partial pressure of less than 10 mmHg at 20°C. They do not have the alternative option of using cleaning solutions up to 70% by weight VOCs. This requirement is included in the permit.

Because the unit is a lithographic press, 20 DCMR 710 is not applicable. Because 20 DCMR 716 is applicable, 20 DCMR 700 is not applicable.

20 DCMR Chapter 9, Section 903: Odorous or Other Nuisance Air Pollutants

“An emission into the atmosphere of odorous or other air pollutants from any source in any quantity and of any characteristic, and duration which is, or is likely to be injurious to the public health or welfare, or which interferes with the reasonable enjoyment of life or property is prohibited [20 DCMR 903.1]” is applicable to all sources. It can be found in Condition II(b) of the permit.

40 CFR 63 – National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories

The potential to emit HAPs from this press is lower than the threshold required to trigger Part 63 NESHAPs applicable to a lithographic press. Two NESHAPs were considered for applicability, but found to not be applicable:

1. 40 CFR 63, Subpart JJJJ - National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Paper and Other Web Coating – This NESHAP only applies to facilities that are major sources of HAPs. GPO is not a major source of HAPs, so this subpart is not applicable to them.

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2. 40 CFR 63, Subpart KK - National Emission Standards for the Printing and Publishing Industry – This regulation does not apply to this unit as it is not a rotogravure or wide-web flexographic printing press.

40 CFR 64 – Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM)

This regulation is not applicable to this equipment pursuant to 40 CFR 64.2(a)(3). In order for 40 CFR 64 to be applicable, the unit must be subject to an emission limitation or standard, use a control device to achieve compliance with it, and pre-control device emissions from the unit must exceed the major source threshold for the controlled pollutant. In this case, no control device is used to achieve compliance. Therefore, 40 CFR 64 is not applicable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed project and attached permit comply with all applicable federal and District air pollution control laws and regulations (except as discussed above with regard to the installation and operation of the equipment without a permit).

The application and draft permit will be posted for public review in the D.C. Register and on the DOEE website on April 20, 2018 and will be available for public comment through May 21, 2018. If no public comments are received, it is recommended that permit No. 6208 be issued. If comments are submitted or a hearing is requested, AQD will consider all comments before determining whether it is appropriate to issue the permit as drafted.

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