

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE & INSPECTION

IN RE: Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island

FILE NO.: AIR 12 – 05

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

A. Introduction

Pursuant to Sections 42-17.1-2(21) and 42-17.6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, (“R.I. Gen. Laws”) you are hereby notified that the Director of the Department of Environmental Management (the “Director” of “DEM”) has reasonable grounds to believe that the above-named party (“Respondent”) has violated certain statutes and/or administrative regulations under DEM's jurisdiction.

B. Facts

- (1) The facility is located at 500 Exchange Street in the city of Providence, Rhode Island (the “Facility”) and is operated by the Respondent.
- (2) The Facility is (and has been) subject to the DEM’s Air Pollution Control (“APC”) Regulations, including but not limited to DEM’s APC Regulation No. 9 entitled “*Air Pollution Control Permits*”.
- (3) On 30 January 2012 the DEM received minor source permit applications from Blue Sky Environmental LLC on behalf of the Respondent regarding the installation and operation of emergency engine/generator sets. The applications stated that:
 - (a) One 546 horsepower (“HP”) diesel fired emergency engine/generator set was installed at the Facility on or about 13 July 2009.
 - (b) Two 814 HP natural gas fired emergency engine/generator sets were installed at the Facility on or about 13 July 2009.
- (4) The Respondent did not receive approval from the DEM to install the emergency engine/generator sets at the Facility.

C. Violation

Based on the foregoing facts, the Director has reasonable grounds to believe that you have

violated the following statutes and/or regulations:

- (1) **DEM's APC Regulation 9.2.1(a)** – requiring that no person construct, install or modify or cause the construction, installation or modification of any stationary source subject to the provisions of the regulation without obtaining a minor source permit from the DEM for each proposed installation or modification described in Subsection 9.3.1.
- (2) **DEM's APC Regulation 9.3.1(b)** – requiring a minor source permit for any emergency generator or distributed generator with an internal combustion engine that is 50 HP or larger and the date of initial startup is on or after November 15, 2007.

D. Penalty

- (1) Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-17.6-2, the following administrative penalty, as more specifically described in the attached penalty summary and worksheets, is hereby ASSESSED, jointly and severally, against each named respondent:

Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00)

- (2) The proposed administrative penalty is calculated pursuant to the DEM's Rules and Regulations for Assessment of Administrative Penalties, as amended, and must be paid to the Director within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this Notice of Violation ("NOV"). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check, cashiers check or money order made payable to the "General Treasury - Water & Air Protection Program Account," and shall be forwarded to the DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection, 235 Promenade Street, Suite 220, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767.
- (3) Penalties assessed against the Respondent in this NOV are penalties payable to and for the benefit of the State of Rhode Island and are not compensation for actual pecuniary loss.

E. Right to Administrative Hearing

- (1) Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-17.1, 42-17.6, 42-17.7 and 42-35, each named respondent is entitled to request a hearing before the DEM Administrative Adjudication Division regarding the allegations, orders and/or penalties set forth in Sections B through D above. All requests for hearing MUST:
 - (a) Be in writing. See R.I. Gen. Laws Sections 42-17.1-2(21)(i) and 42-17.6-4(b);

- (b) Be **RECEIVED** by DEM's Administrative Adjudication Division, at the following address, within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this NOV. See R.I. Gen. Laws Sections 42-17.1-2(21)(i) and 42-17.7-9:

Administrative Clerk
DEM - Administrative Adjudication Division
One Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor
Providence, RI 02903

- (c) Indicate whether you deny the alleged violations and/or whether you believe that the administrative penalty is excessive. See R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-17.6-4(b); **AND**
- (d) State clearly and concisely the specific issues which are in dispute, the facts in support thereof and the relief sought or involved, if any. See Rule 7.00(b) of the DEM Administrative Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Administrative Adjudication Division of Environmental Matters.
- (2) A copy of each request for hearing must also be forwarded to:

Joseph J. LoBianco, Esquire
DEM - Office of Legal Services
235 Promenade Street, 4TH Floor
Providence, RI 02908-5767

- (3) Each named respondent has the right to be represented by legal counsel at all administrative proceedings relating to this matter.
- (4) Each respondent must file a separate and timely request for an administrative hearing before DEM's Administrative Adjudication Division as to each violation alleged in the written NOV. If any respondent fails to request a hearing in the above-described time or manner with regard to any violation set forth herein, then this NOV shall automatically become a Final Compliance Order enforceable in Superior Court as to that respondent and/or violation and any associated administrative penalty proposed in the NOV shall be final as to that respondent. See R.I. Gen. Laws Sections 42-17.1-2(21)(i) and (v) and 42-17.6-4(b) and (c).
- (5) Failure to comply with this NOV may subject each respondent to additional civil and/or criminal penalties.
- (6) This NOV does not preclude the Director from taking any additional enforcement action nor does it preclude any other local, state, or federal governmental entities from initiating enforcement actions based on the acts or omissions described herein.

If you have any legal questions, you may contact (or if you are represented by an attorney, please have your attorney contact) Joseph J. LoBianco, Esquire, at the DEM Office of Legal Services at (401) 222-6607. All other inquiries should be directed to

Martha Mulcahey of DEM's Office of Compliance and Inspection at (401) 222-1360 ext. 7032.

Please be advised that any such inquiries do not postpone, eliminate, or otherwise extend the need for a timely submittal of a written request for a hearing, as described in Section E above.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

David E. Chopy, Chief
DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____
the within Notice of Violation was forwarded to:

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island
c/o Michele B. Lederberg, Registered Agent
500 Exchange Street
Providence, RI 02903

by Certified Mail.



ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY SUMMARY

Program: OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND INSPECTION, AIR

File No.: AIR 12 – 05

Respondent: Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island

GRAVITY OF VIOLATION					
SEE ATTACHED "PENALTY MATRIX WORKSHEETS."					
VIOLATION No. & CITATION	APPLICATION OF MATRIX		PENALTY CALCULATION		AMOUNT
	Type	Deviation	Penalty from Matrix	Number or Duration of Violations	
C (1) and C (2) – Failure to obtain a permit	Type I (\$ <u>10,000</u> Max. Penalty)*	Minor	\$ 1,000	3 violations	\$3,000.00
<i>SUB-TOTAL</i>					\$3,000.00

*Maximum Penalties represent the maximum penalty amounts per day, per violation.

TOTAL PENALTY PROPOSED UNDER PENALTY REGULATIONS = \$ 3,000.00

PENALTY MATRIX WORKSHEET

CITATION: Failure to obtain a permit
 VIOLATION NO.: C (1) and (2)

TYPE		
<u> X </u> TYPE I <u>DIRECTLY</u> related to protecting health, safety, welfare or environment.	<u> </u> TYPE II <u>INDIRECTLY</u> related to protecting health, safety, welfare or environment.	<u> </u> TYPE III <u>INCIDENTAL</u> to protecting health, safety, welfare or environment.
DEVIATION FROM THE STANDARD		
<small>THE DEGREE TO WHICH A PARTICULAR VIOLATION IS OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT VIOLATED.</small>		
<p><u>FACTORS CONSIDERED:</u></p> <p>Taken from Section 10 (a) (2) of the DEM <i>Rules and Regulations for Assessment of Administrative Penalties</i></p> <p>(A) The extent to which the act or failure to act was out of compliance: Respondent failed to apply for and obtain minor source permits from DEM prior to its installation of emergency generators subject to State air pollution control regulations. Compliance with permitting and operating requirements is of major importance to the regulatory program.</p> <p>(B) Environmental conditions: Not utilized for this calculation.</p> <p>(C) Amount of the pollutant: Not utilized for this calculation.</p> <p>(D) Toxicity or nature of the pollutant: Not utilized for this calculation.</p> <p>(E) Duration of the violation: Not utilized for this calculation.</p> <p>(F) Areal extent of the violation: Not utilized for this calculation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(continued)</p>		

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- (G) **Whether the person took reasonable and appropriate steps to prevent and/or mitigate the noncompliance:** The Respondent submitted the minor source permit applications for the emergency generators to the DEM on or about 30 January 2012.
- (H) **Whether the person has previously failed to comply with any regulations, order, statute, license, permit or approval issued or adopted by the Department, or any law which the Department has the authority or responsibility to enforce:** Not utilized for this calculation.
- (I) **The degree of willfulness or negligence, including but not limited to, how much control the violator had over the occurrence of the violation and whether the violation was foreseeable:** The threshold for permit applicability in the subject regulation has been long-standing and as such, the violation was foreseeable by the Respondent.
- (J) **Any other factor(s) that may be relevant in determining the amount of a penalty:** The violation was self disclosed by the Respondent.

MAJOR	MODERATE	<u>X</u> MINOR
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Penalty Matrix where the applicable statute provides for a civil penalty up to \$ 10,000		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III
DEVIATION FROM STANDARD	MAJOR	\$5,000 to \$10,000	\$2,500 to \$5,000	\$1,000 to \$2,500
	MODERATE	\$2,500 to \$5,000	\$1,000 to \$2,500	\$500 to \$1,000
	MINOR	\$1,000 to \$2,500 \$1,000	\$500 to \$1,000	\$100 to \$500