

6 NYCRR Part 232: Perchloroethylene Drycleaning Facilities Recordkeeping & Reporting Requirements

In the spring of 1997, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) promulgated a major revision to Part 232, the state regulation affecting perchloroethylene (perc) drycleaners. This revised regulation became effective as of May 15, 1997. One section of this regulation requires owners and operators to maintain detailed records of their facility's operations. These records must be kept on-site for five years and made available upon request to DEC. This fact sheet provides a **general overview of the recordkeeping tasks that owners and operators must perform under Part 232**. Much of the information that owners and operators must record under Part 232 is the same as that required under the USEPA's National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for perc drycleaning.

Maintenance Records

Operators of drycleaning facilities must record the following information:

- The date of maintenance on any air cleaning component or exhaust system, such as the regeneration and/or replacement of the carbon in a carbon adsorber.
- The number of loads between regenerations, cleaning and replacement of lint filters and carbon adsorber pre-filters, and repair or replacement of exhaust fans.
- The amount of activated carbon in carbon adsorbers (dry weight in pounds).
- The date of maintenance of drying sensors.
- The date and volume of hazardous waste shipments.
- The dates when the carbon cartridge in a perc-contaminated wastewater treatment unit are replaced.
- The date, duration, and nature of any malfunction, spill, incident, or emergency response at the facility.

Purchase Records *

Owners or operators of drycleaning facilities must keep records of all perc purchases. On the first day of each month, the owner or operator must record the volume of perc purchased in the previous month in a log. These monthly purchases must be added to the purchases for the previous 11 months, to generate a running 12-month total of perc purchases. The process goes like this:

- Let's say it's October 1, 2007. Record perc purchases for September 2007 in the log.
- Add the last 12 months of perc purchases, in this case purchases from October 2006 through September 2007.
- The result is the yearly perc purchases for the previous 12 months.
- On November 1, 2007, record perc purchases for October 2007, and add the perc purchases from November 2006 through October 2007 to get the new 12-month total, and so on.

** If no perc is purchased in any given month, record "0" for that month.*

Leak Detection Records *

Each owner or operator of a drycleaning facility must record the results of all leak detection inspections on a checklist supplied by DEC, and keep these records on-site for five years. Refer to the SBEAP's fact sheet on leak detection for specific information regarding procedures and what must be inspected. All of the following information must be recorded:

- The dates when the drycleaning system components are inspected for perceptible leaks and the name or location of any leaking components.
- The date, time, and results of colorimetric detector tube monitoring, if a carbon adsorber is used for primary or secondary emission control.
- The date, time, and results of monitoring of refrigerant pressure gauges or outlet temperature sensor for refrigerated condensers.
- The dates of repair and records of written or verbal orders for repair parts to demonstrate compliance with the inspection and testing requirements.

Other Records

Each owner or operator of a drycleaning facility *must retain on-site a copy of the design specifications and the operating manuals for each drycleaning system and each emission control device* located at the dry-cleaning facility. *

Owners and operators must also retain copies of the required annual compliance inspection reports.

Compliance Reports *

New facilities, or existing facilities that are installing new equipment, *must submit a compliance report to the DEC Regional Office and the USEPA within 30 days of commencing operation*, certifying their compliance with the federal NESHAP requirements.

Reporting forms for owner/operators are available on the SBEAP website, or they can be obtained by contacting either the SBEAP through our hotline, or the DEC. These reports include the following information:

- The name and address of the owner or operator.
- The address of the drycleaning facility.
- An estimate of the annual perc consumption.
- Whether the facility is located in a building with residences.
- A description of the machines' control devices.
- A statement verifying compliance with each applicable requirement under the federal NESHAP, including equipment standards, test methods and monitoring, and recordkeeping and reporting.
- A statement certifying that all information contained in the statement is accurate and true.

** Indicates this paragraph or section is also an existing requirement under the Federal NESHAP.*

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