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John DiGirolomo, President
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Dear Mr. DiGirolomo:

Commissioner Jackson has asked me to respond to your letter of March 7, 2007 regarding emergency electric generator testing requirements as they apply to healthcare facilities during unhealthy air quality conditions. Thank you for writing to the Department for clarification of these requirements.

The New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 7:27-19.2(d), Control and Prohibition of Air Pollution from Oxides of Nitrogen, prohibits testing and maintenance of emergency generators on days when the Department forecasts air quality in New Jersey to be "unhealthy", unless such testing on these days is required by Federal or State regulation.

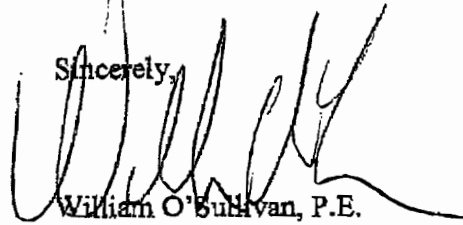
The Department agrees that the operational testing required by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), and the testing required for accreditation by the Joint Commission, meet the exemption to the bad air day test prohibition in N.J.A.C. 7:27-19.2(d).

Please note that the testing requirements cited in your letter (once per week, once per month, and once every 36 months) are at frequencies that do not preclude a facility from avoiding tests on bad air days. In New Jersey, only approximately 20 days per year are forecast to have "unhealthy" air quality. By checking the daily air quality forecasts for New Jersey at the Department's air quality permitting web site, <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqpp/aqforecast/index.htm>, you should be able to schedule required testing of your emergency generators to minimize or avoid testing during periods of unhealthy air quality. This would help to improve air quality for both your neighbors and clients. I encourage you to do so even though you may qualify for the exemption.

I appreciate your Society's commitment to adhere to environmental regulations. Should you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact

John Preczewski P.E., Assistant Director for the Air Quality Permitting Program, at (609) 984-7940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. O'Sullivan', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

William O'Sullivan, P.E.
Director
Division of Air Quality