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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT 39 of 2004**

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**NATIONAL ATMOSPHERIC EMISSION REPORTING REGULATIONS, 2015**

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I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs, hereby make the National Atmospheric Emission Reporting Regulations in terms of section 12(b) and (c) read with section 53(aA), (o) and (p) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004), set out in the Schedule hereto.

(Signed)

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ANNEXURE 1

## CHAPTER 1 DEFINITIONS AND PURPOSE OF THE REGULATIONS

### 1. Definitions

In these Regulations any word or expression to which the meaning has been assigned in the Act has that meaning so assigned, unless the context indicates otherwise-

**"data provider"** means any person as classified in regulation 4 and listed in Annexure 1 to these Regulations;

**"emissions inventory"** means an accounting of the amount of pollutants discharged into the atmosphere and it contains the total emissions for one or more specific greenhouse gases and air pollutants originating from all sources in a certain geographical area and within a specified time span;

**"facility"** means premises where emission sources identified in Annexure 1 to these Regulations are operating;

**"National Atmospheric Emission Inventory System"** or **"NAEIS"** means the internet-based emissions reporting system which is a component of the South African Air Quality Information System;

**"relevant authority"** means an authority referred to in Annexure 1 to these Regulations;

**"South African Air Quality Information System"** or **"SAAQIS"** means the national air quality information system established in terms of the National Framework for Air Quality Management in the Republic of South Africa;

**"the Act"** means the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004), as amended;

**"these Regulations"** include the Annexure 1 to these Regulations.

### 2. Purpose of Regulations

The purpose of these Regulations is to regulate reporting of data and information from an identified point, non-point and mobile sources of atmospheric emissions to an internet-based National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory System towards the compilation of atmospheric emission inventories.

### 3. Application of Regulations

These Regulations apply to the groups of emission sources and corresponding data providers as classified in regulation 4 and listed in Annexure 1 to these Regulations.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **CLASSIFICATION OF EMISSION SOURCES, DATA PROVIDERS AND REGISTRATION**

#### **4. Classification of emission sources and data providers**

- (1) For purposes of these Regulations, emission sources and data providers are classified according to groups A to D listed in Annexure 1 to these Regulations.
- (2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), the relevant authority may identify additional emission sources and associated data providers in accordance with applicable Municipal bylaws and request such data providers to register and to submit emission data to the NAEIS within a reasonable period to be determined by the relevant authority.

#### **5. Registration**

- (1) A person classified as a data provider in regulation 4(1) must register on the NAEIS within 30 days from the date upon which these Regulations came into effect.
- (2) A person classified as a data provider in terms of regulation 4(1) and who commences with an activity or activities classified as emission source in terms of the regulation 4(1) after the commencement of these Regulations, must register on the NAEIS within 30 days after commencing with such an activity or activities.
- (3) Any person identified as a data provider and required to register in terms of regulation 4(2), must register on the NAEIS within 30 days after the commencing with such activity or activities.

#### **6. Changes to registration details**

- (1) A data provider must notify, in writing, the relevant authority of any change in respect of the data provider's registration details within 30 days from the date the data provider became aware of such change occurring.
- (2) In the event a data provider transfers ownership of a facility or equipment, the data provider must notify the relevant authority in writing within 30 days of such transfer of ownership or the activity or activities being discontinued.
- (3) A person to whom ownership of the facility or equipment is transferred, as referred to in sub-regulation (2), must within 30 days after taking ownership of the facility or equipment, register on the NAEIS as a data provider.

- (4) Registration of a data provider on the NAEIS is deemed withdrawn once the relevant authority has within 30 days acknowledged receipt of notification, in writing, provided by a data provider in terms of sub-regulation (2).

### **CHAPTER 3 REPORTING AND RECORD KEEPING**

#### **7. Reporting requirements**

The NAEIS reporting requirements are specified in Annexure 1 to these Regulations for each emission source groups.

#### **8. Reporting or submission of information**

- (1) A data provider must submit the required information for the preceding calendar year, as specified in Annexure 1 to these Regulations, to the NAEIS by 31 March of each calendar year.
- (2) Where 31 March falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, that period must be extended to the end of the following day which is not Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

#### **9. Record keeping**

A data provider must keep a record of the information submitted to the NAEIS for five years and such record must, on request, be made available for inspection by the relevant authority.

### **CHAPTER 4 VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION AND GENERAL MATTERS**

#### **10. Verification of information**

- (1) If a relevant authority reasonably suspects that the information submitted to the NAEIS is incomplete or incorrect, the relevant authority must request, in writing, a data provider to verify the information submitted.
- (2) A data provider requested to verify information in terms of sub-regulation (1) must verify the information within 60 days after receiving the written request from the relevant authority.
- (3) If relevant authority, reasonably suspects that the verified information contemplated in sub-regulation (2) is incomplete or incorrect the relevant authority must instruct a data provider, in writing, to submit supporting documentation prepared by an independent person with the relevant expertise on the accuracy of the information submitted to the NAEIS.

- (4) The supporting documentation requested in terms of sub-regulation (3) must be submitted within 60 days after receipt of the instruction contemplated in sub-regulation (3).
- (5) A data provider is liable for all costs incurred in connection with compliance with an instruction from the relevant authority in terms of sub-regulations (1) and (3).

## 11. Confidentiality of information

It is an offence for any person to disclose confidential information if that information was acquired while exercising or performing any power or duty in terms of these Regulations, except:

- (a) If the information is disclosed in compliance with the provisions of any law;
- (b) if the person is ordered to disclose the information by a court of law; or
- (c) if the information is disclosed to enable a person to perform a function in terms of these Regulations.

## 12. Publishing data and information

The relevant authority may place NAEIS data and information in the public domain if it does not:

- (a) promote unfair competition;
- (b) contravene Section 36 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 of 2000);  
or
- (c) contravene Section 17 of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999).

## 13. Offences

A person commits an offence if that person:

- (a) provides false or misleading information to the NAEIS;
- (b) fails to comply with regulations 5, 6(1), 6(2), 6(3), 8(1), 9, 10(2), 10(4) or 11.

## 14. Penalties

A person guilty of an offence in terms of regulation 13 of these Regulations is liable in the case of a first conviction to a fine not exceeding R5 million or to imprisonment of a period not exceeding five

years, and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding R10 million or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years and in respect of both instances to both such fine and such imprisonment.

**15. Short title and commencement**

These Regulations are called the National Atmospheric Emission Reporting Regulations, 2015.

## ANNEXURE 1

**EMISSION SOURCE GROUPS, ASSOCIATED DATA PROVIDERS, EMISSION REPORTING  
REQUIREMENTS AND RELEVANT AUTHORITIES**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Emission Source</b>	<b>Data Provider</b>	<b>NAEIS Reporting Requirements</b>	<b>Relevant Authority</b>
A	Listed activity published in terms of section 21(1) of the Act.	Any person that undertakes a listed activity in terms of section 21(1) of the Act.	Emission reports must be made in the format required for NAEIS and should be in accordance with the atmospheric emission license or provisional atmospheric emission license.	Licensing authority.
B	Controlled emitter declared in terms of section 23(1) of the Act.	Any person that undertakes a listed activity in terms of section 21(1) of the Act and uses an appliance or conducts an activity which has been declared a controlled emitter in terms of section 23(1) of the Act.  Any relevant air quality officer receiving emission reports as contemplated under notice made in terms of section 23 of the Act.	Any information that is required to be reported in terms of the notice published in the <i>Gazette</i> in terms of section 23 of the Act.	The relevant air quality officer as contemplated under the notice made in terms of section 23 of the Act.
C	Mines.	Any person, that holds a mining right or permit in terms of the Mineral and	Emission reports must be made in the format required for NAEIS.	Relevant air quality officer.



Group	Emission Source	Data Provider	NAEIS Reporting Requirements	Relevant Authority
		Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002).		
D	Facilities identified in accordance with the applicable municipal by-law.	Any person that operates facilities which generate criteria pollutants, and has been identified in accordance with the applicable municipal By-law.	Emission reports must be made in the format required for NAEIS.	Relevant air quality officer.