

Covanta Cited for Air Pollution in New Jersey



New Jersey state officials have repeatedly cited Covanta Energy for air pollution during recent years at the three garbage incinerators the company operates in the state, according to records from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

In August 2008, the DEP fined Covanta \$14,025 for violations of the state's Air Pollution Control Act at the company's Newark, N.J. incinerator between 2006 and 2008. The violations included excessive carbon monoxide emissions and exceeding the state's "opacity" limits for visible emissions.

The state has repeatedly cited the Newark facility – which is located in a densely-populated urban area – for air pollution, including for carbon monoxide emissions in 2004, 2006, 2007, and 2008, sulfur dioxide emissions in 2003, 2004, and 2005, and for "opacity" violations each year during that time period.

The DEP has also cited Covanta's incinerator in Oxford, N.J. for air pollution, including illegal emissions of sulfuric acid mist, sulfur dioxide, and carbon monoxide during 2006. The facility has been cited for excessive carbon monoxide emissions each year from 2005 through 2008, and for sulfur dioxide emissions during 2005, 2006, and 2007.

At a facility Covanta operates in Rahway, the state cited the company for excess emissions of ammonia, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides during 2007; for ammonia, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide during 2006; and for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide during 2005.

Since 2005, the DEP has assessed nearly \$190,000 in penalties against Covanta for environmental violations at the three New Jersey facilities.

For more information concerning these events, consider contacting Covanta at 973/882-7277 (ph.) or 973/882-7276 (fax).

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