

Decommissioning Update - April 12, 2013

Can you believe it has already been a month?! Monday marks a full month since we officially began allowing facilities to begin removal of Stage II so we thought we would provide a quick progress report.

We already have somewhere in the neighborhood of 306 stations that have applied to decommission, build or rebuild facilities without Stage II. Of these stations, approximately 178 are in the City of St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson and St. Charles Counties and somewhere around 128 are in St. Louis County. This means that about 40% of all of our active stations have already applied for decommissioning! A handful have already tested and received new operating permits. (Thanks to SLRO for the stats!) We are very busy processing permits so, keep in mind, that while the numbers are close they probably changed while I was typing!

Everything appears to be going pretty smoothly with only a few minor issues that we are aware of thus far. We have been very busy trying to reach as many of you as possible to ensure you get accurate and timely information. We've spoken to and heard from many of you individually and, as many of you are aware, we held a stakeholder meeting March 22nd to discuss the update of our regulations. We also participated in this year's RegFORM Air Seminar on March 27th where I gave a short presentation on vapor recovery. You can access this presentation at

<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/apcp/docs/vaporrecoverystageiiupdate.pdf>

Also, we wanted to mention that we made a minor revision to the decommissioning form to make it clearer and to provide you with the link to it again. Since the change does not affect the decommissioning process, we will continue to accept the previous version as well.

You can access the form through the widespread use page at

<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/apcp/vaporrecovery/epawidespreaduserule.htm>

Or the department forms page at

<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/forms/780-2190-f.pdf>

As always, contact us with any questions or concerns. Hope all is going well.