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Environmental Health and Safety Services

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Open Burning Permit Application

Approval in accordance with the requirements of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (Sec. F-403.4.2) and written permission from the Environmental Protection Agency is required before the ignition of any open burning upon state owned property. The following are a list of those types of activities requiring an Open Burn Permit :

- recognized range or wildlife management practices
• prevention to control disease or pests
• providing heat for outdoor workers
• bonfires
• indoor religious ceremonies and/or activities involving open flames and/or candles/incense.

Application must be made in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the request of this permit.

The following information is required:

Activity: _____

Nature and quantity of material to be burned: _____

Date of activity: _____ Scheduled time of activity _____

Location of activity: _____

On-site fire-extinguishing equipment to be provided: _____

Are personnel adequately trained to use fire-extinguishing equipment? _____

If yes, describe training: _____

If required, (see second page) written permission has been obtained from the local EPA: _____

How will the waste be disposed of after the burn (especially bonfires)? _____

Prohibited: Offensive or objectionable burning due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. The Fire Official reserves the right to order the extinguishments of any open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

Name of Sponsoring Organization: _____

Contact person (print): _____ Email and/or phone: _____

Applicant _____ (Signature) (Date)

VPI Fire Safety Representative _____ (Approval signature) (Date)

Additional comments or requirements: _____

Procedure - Complete side one, then read and sign side two of this form, and submit it to the University Fire Safety Engineer at Environmental Health & Safety Services department (0423) or email it to firesafe@vt.edu.

Restrictions

Location - The location for any open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure. Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that such fires are not less than 15 feet from any structure.

Extreme caution should be used to prevent the ignition of any nearby trees, foliage, or grassland, vehicles or equipment, or any other object adjacent, above, or below the area of the fire.

Materials - Open burning shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and it shall be minimized in size for the intended purpose, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants.

Fuel for a bonfire shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper. Do not use flammable or combustible liquids or gases, reactive chemicals, rubber, plastics, or other unapproved methods of ignition.

Attendance - Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.

Fire suppression - One of the following, or the equivalent, shall be immediately available and ready for use in the area of the fire:

- 1) At least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating (10-lb. ABC multi-purpose dry chemical);
- 2) Two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating (5-lb. ABC dry chemical or 2 1/2 gal. pressurized water);
- 3) Some other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, or water barrel, garden hose or water truck.

Training: Portable fire extinguisher training is required for those supervising the activity. If you have not received this training from Environmental Health and Safety Services, contact Tony Mills at 231-8759 or email him at tmills62@vt.edu , to register for a training class.

Bonfire size and duration - A bonfire shall not be more than 5 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet in dimension and shall not burn longer than 3 hours. The size and duration of the bonfire shall not be increased, except by special approval from the Fire Official.

I have read these restrictions. I understand them and agree to abide by them to the best of my ability.

Applicant: _____
(Signature) (Date)

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