Asheville-Buncombe
Air Quality Agency

March 5, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ashley Featherstone, Director
James Raiford, Permitting Program Manager

FROM: Hannah Rhodes, Air Quality Coordinator

SUBJECT: Permit Annual and Application Fees for Calendar Year 2026

Attached are the official tables for the new Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality permit annual and application fees for calendar year 2026. Please forward this memorandum to anyone likely to need it. In 2025, pursuant to AB Air Quality Code 17.0204, the Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency increased the Title V fees by the Consumer Price Index (2.65312%). This annual inflation adjustment will go into effect starting January 1, 2026 for the Title V permit application fees. As a historical note, Title V Fees were also recently adjusted September 27, 2021, per rulemaking and AB Air Quality Board approved changes to 17.0203. Tonnage fees are adjusted by the AB Air Quality Board as part of the annual budget process.

More information regarding the Consumer Price Index and the 40 CFR Part 70 presumptive minimum fee can be found here: https://www.epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/permit-fees. It is recommended that the Title V tonnage fee also be increased to $65 per ton based on the EPA presumptive minimal fee of $65.38.

Attachments: Current Air Quality Fees (As of January 1, 2026)
AB Air Quality 2026 Title V Fee CPI Increase

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Title V Facilities Fees CPI Increase 2026

Application Fees	2025	2.65312% CPI Increase 2026
Initial Application or Major Modification or Renewal	$12,066	$12,386
Initial Application or Major Modification (PSD or NSR/NAA)	$18,099	$18,579
Initial Application or Major Modification (PSD and NSR/NAA)	$36,196	$37,157
Minor Modification	$3,620	$3,716
17.0300 Permit	$1,207	$1,239
General Title V Air Curtain Incinerator (new proposed fee)	10% of the Otherwise Applicable Fee	10% of the Otherwise Applicable Fee

Annual Source Fees

Title V (Base Fee + Title V Tonnage Fee)	$12,066	$12,386
Title V (Nonattainment Area Added Fee)	$4,826	$4,954
Title V (Added Medium Complex Facility Fee -3-5 Federal Programs)	$3,016	$3,096
Title V (Added Highly Complex Facility Fee -6 or more Federal Programs)	$9,049	$9,289
General Title V Air Curtain Incinerator (New Proposed Fee)	10% Of the Otherwise Applicable Fee	10% Of the Otherwise Applicable Fee
Title V Tonnage Fee *(no change to 100 ton minimum)	64	65
Synthetic Minor (no change)	$4,000 Base Fee + Synthetic Minor Tonnage Fee	$4,000 Base Fee + Synthetic Minor Tonnage Fee
Synthetic Minor Tonnage Fee (no change)	53	53

*The annual Title V tonnage fee is determined each year by the Board as part of the budget process and the annual Consumer Price Index annual increase for Title V facilities. We are proposing to increase the tonnage fee to $65 in Buncombe County FY27.

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Projected Title V Permit Fees with Increased CPI Tonnage Fee								
Facility	2025 Permit Fee	2025 Complexity Fee	2025 Tonnage Fee ($64)	2026 Projected Permit Fee (Including CPI)	2026 Complexity Fee (Including CPI)	2026 Projected Tonnage Fee ($65)	Tonnage Fee Increase	2025 - 2026 Difference in Permit Fee (CPI and Tonnage Fee Increase)
Amcor Flexibles LLC	$12,066	$-	$6,400	$12,386	$-	$6,500	$100	$420
BorgWarner Turbo Systems	$12,066	$3,016	$6,400	$12,386	$3,096	$6,500	$100	$500
Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County	$12,066	$9,049	$6,400	$12,386	$9,289	$6,500	$100	$660
Duke Energy Progress, LLC - Asheville Combined Cycle Plant	$12,066	$9,049	$27,904	$12,386	$9,289	$28,340	$436	$996
Buncombe County Landfill II	$12,066	$3,016	$6,400	$12,386	$3,096	$6,500	$100	$500
Low & Bonar, Inc.	$12,066	$-	$6,400	$12,386	$-	$6,500	$100	$420
Day International, Inc. dba Flint Group	$12,066	$9,049	$7,168	$12,386	$9,289	$7,280	$112	$672
Totals:	$84,462	$33,179	$67,072	$86,702	$34,059	$68,120	$1,048	$4,168

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