



NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY FIREFIGHTER TRAINING NOTIFICATION

This form is to be used to provide **prior** notification of open burning for the training of firefighting personnel in accordance with 15A NCAC 2D .1903(b)(11). **This notification must be submitted to the Division of Air Quality at least 10 days prior to commencement of the burn. Submittal of form DHHS3768 to the Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) [see directions page 2] must be submitted, and a NESHAP number assigned (from HHCU) prior to mailing or faxing this completed form to the appropriate Division of Air Quality (DAQ) Regional Office.** Fire departments in counties with local environmental control programs should contact their local agency listed on page 2. It is not necessary to submit page 2 with this notification. Additional forms and information are available on the Internet at: <https://deq.nc.gov/openburning>

Fire Dept: _____

Location of Training Exercise (address, city, county, etc.):

Complete Mailing Address:

City, State,

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

FAX: _____

County: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

DAQ cannot approve burning a previously **demolished structure or salvageable items** for firefighter training. Motor vehicles may be burned over a period of time by a training unit or by several related training units. Describe the nature and the amount of materials to be burned. If a structure is to be burned, state construction type, number of rooms, floor area, etcetera.

Description: _____

(cont.) _____

State training objectives: _____

Beginning date(s) and time(s) of training exercise: _____

Ending date: _____

Alternate date(s) and time(s): _____

Any deviations from the dates and times of exercises, including additions, postponements, and deletions, submitted in the schedule in the approved plan shall be communicated verbally to the regional office [air quality] supervisor of the appropriate regional office at least one hour before the burn is scheduled.

Remember, following one agency's regulations does not guarantee compliance with another.

A person who is accredited as a North Carolina Asbestos Inspector must inspect structures. All burned structures must be free of asbestos. **All asbestos containing building materials must be properly removed before the live fire training exercise. Further, notification form DHHS3768 must be completed and submitted by mail only (no faxes) to the Division of Public Health, Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU), even if no asbestos was identified in most structures, at least 10 working days prior to the burn date(s).** For further information on the required asbestos inspection and notification form DHHS3768, please contact the HHCU at (919) 707-5950. Fire departments in counties with local environmental control programs should contact their local agency listed on page 2 of this notification.

NESHAP number (assigned by HHCU): **Required prior to burn:** _____

Has the structure been inspected for asbestos containing materials? Yes No Does the structure have any asbestos containing materials present? Yes No If yes, describe the materials and the removal procedures: _____

I certify by my signature the information submitted on this notification to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Name (print): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Air Quality

Supervisor: _____

Date: _____



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General Information

***** It is not necessary to submit this page (page 2) with your notification. *****

Rule **15A NCAC 2D. 1903(b)(11)** allows open burning for instructing and training of firefighting personnel that does not qualify for coverage under **15A NCAC 2D. 1903(b)(9) and (10)** . Burning is permissible only as a fire training exercise with the fire department present during the burning.

Permission shall not be given for the burning of salvageable items, such as insulated wire and electric motors, or for the primary purpose of disposal of synthetic materials or refuse by fire. Permission shall not be given to burn previously demolished structures. A "bulldozed" pile of rubble is not a legitimate source of fire training, and permission shall not be granted to burn such material. If a structure cannot be entered and fire set, extinguished, and reset multiple times, then the fire training value is questionable.

The burden of demonstrating that any proposed burning exercise is legitimate training, and is therefore permissible, lies with the **certified live burn instructor** and **fire department**. If the appropriate regional air quality supervisor believes the training is not the primary goal of the exercise, he/she may deny permission to burn.

Fire training open burning is prohibited on code orange, red, or purple days in the counties that are in the air quality forecast areas. The Division recommends no burning throughout the rest of the state on code orange, red, or purple days. The Division will issue air quality forecasts for all 100 counties of the state. The forecasts are available on the Internet at: www.ncair.org (Air Quality Forecasts button). You may also contact your Division of Air Quality Regional Office for forecasts or more information. Visit <https://deq.nc.gov/openburning> for more information.

Asbestos

Before a structure is burned, the asbestos requirements of 40 CFR 61.145 and any other applicable asbestos requirements in 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M must be met. Asbestos information may be obtained by contacting the Health Hazards Control Unit at their physical address: **NC DHHS, Division of Public Health, Health Hazards Control Unit, 5505 Six Forks Road, 2nd Floor, Raleigh, NC 27609**, or by their mailing address, **1912 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1912**, or by phone/fax at **P: (919) 707-5950, F: (919) 870-4808** for requirements. **Either the owner of the structure(s) or the fire department must obtain and file notification form DHHS3768 and document properly the structure(s) to be burned is/are asbestos free or not covered under the asbestos rules.**

Under 40 CFR 61.145(c)(10), if a facility is demolished by intentional burning, all regulated asbestos-containing materials (RACM), including Category I and Category II nonfriable asbestos-containing material **must be removed according to the NESHAP regulations prior to burning** . Furthermore, intentional burning of a facility constitutes demolition; therefore, proper notification must be completed and submitted to the Health Hazards Control Unit.

Regional Offices

Completed Notification of Open Burning for the Training of Firefighting Personnel forms must be mailed or faxed to the appropriate Division of Air Quality, regional supervisor at the following locations. If you do not know the regional office that serves your location, please contact the office nearest you for clarification:

Asheville Regional Office
2090 US Hwy 70
Swannanoa, NC 28778
Phone: (828) 296-4500
Fax: (828) 299-7043

Fayetteville Regional Office
225 Green Street, Suite 714
Fayetteville, NC 28301
Phone: (910) 433-3300
Fax: (910) 485-7467

Mooresville Regional Office
610 East Center Ave., Suite 301
Mooresville, NC 28115
Phone: (704) 663-1699
Fax: (704) 663-6040

Raleigh Regional Office
3800 Barrett Drive
Raleigh, NC 27609
Phone: (919) 791-4200
Fax: (919) 881-2261

Washington Regional Office
943 Washington Square Mall
Washington, NC 27889
Phone: (252) 946-6481
Fax: (252) 975-3716

Wilmington Regional Office
127 Cardinal Drive Extension
Wilmington, NC 28405
Phone: (910) 796-7215
Fax: (910) 350-2004

Winston-Salem Regional Office
450 West Hanes Mill Road, Suite 300
Winston-Salem, NC 27105
Phone: (336) 776-9800
Fax: (336) 776-9797

Local Environmental Programs

Buncombe County
Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality
Agency PO Box 2749
Asheville, NC 28802
Phone: (828) 250-6777
Fax: (828) 255-5226

Forsyth County
Environmental Affairs Department
537 N. Spruce Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Phone: (336) 703-2440
Fax: (336) 703-2456

Mecklenburg County
Dept. of Environmental Protection
700 N. Tryon Street, Suite 205
Charlotte, NC 28202
Phone: (704) 336-5430
Fax: (704) 336-4391

Division of Air Quality Web Page: www.ncair.org