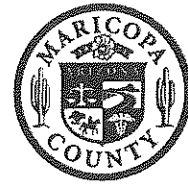




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Judith Stapley, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Stapley:

The Maricopa County Air Quality Department (MCAQD) received a request from The Arizona State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers dated April 3, 2020 regarding operational restrictions on crematories in Maricopa County. The purpose of this letter is to confirm that crematories would have the ability to operate outside the hours of sunset to sunrise, should they not be able to keep up with demands as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective April 7, 2020 through June 1, 2020, MCAQD will utilize enforcement discretion with regard to nighttime combustion activities at crematories. Based on future circumstances, MCAQD may reevaluate and extend this timeframe as appropriate.

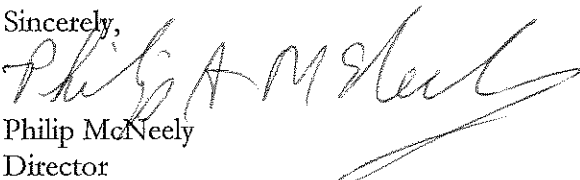
The following provisions must be made by crematories:

1. Crematories must maintain compliance with all other general or NTV permit conditions, depending on permit type, and Maricopa County Air Pollution Control Regulation 313, excluding §304 (Nighttime Combustion).
2. Notification must be sent to AQcompliance@maricopa.gov of the crematory's intent to operate at nighttime. This notification is to include:
 - a. Anticipated dates and times of nighttime combustion operations
 - b. A nighttime contact name and phone number for the facility which will be answered in the event an inspector needs to conduct an inspection
3. Allow MCAQD access to inspect.

Currently, MCAQD allows nighttime combustion under Regulation 313§304. Any crematory that currently has authorization to operate at nighttime does not need to notify MCAQD of its intent. Only crematories that are not allowed under their current permit conditions are required to notify the department of intent to perform nighttime combustion activities.

If you or any of the licensed facilities in Maricopa County have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Maria Fant, Deputy Director, at 602-506-5150 or Maria.Fant@maricopa.gov.

Sincerely,


Philip McNeely
Director