

**PHYSICS DIVISION ESH BULLETIN 2005-3**  
**Clean Air Act Title V Requirements for Degreasers/Parts/Washers**  
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The ORNL Office of Environmental Compliance and Documentation maintains a list of all degreasers/parts washers in use at the laboratory. Each degreaser/parts washer is evaluated for permitting requirements under Title V of the Clean Air Act. If you have a degreaser/parts washer it should be in the ORNL Stack and Vent data base.

ORNL degreasers/parts washers are considered "insignificant activities" under Title V and do not require permits. However, operators of degreasers/parts washers are required to maintain documentation supporting this "insignificant activity" determination.

Degreasers/parts washers that use solvents with vapor pressures of less than 1.52 pounds per square inch are "categorically exempt" from Title V permitting. A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) can be used to satisfy the documentation requirement.

Degreasers/parts washers that use solvents with vapor pressures of greater than 1.52 pounds per square inch are still considered "insignificant activities" if the solvent usage is less than 30 gallons per month. Records (logbooks) indicating monthly solvent usage must be maintained as supporting documentation.

Contact the Physics Division ESH Officer if degreasers/parts washers need to be added to the list or removed from service, or if you anticipate any operational changes that could affect the "exempt" status of these units.