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For a limited time, EQB Exempts Owners and Operators of Emergency Power Generators destined for Residential, Commercial and Industrial Uses from Permit Application Fee Payment

In an effort to legalize all emergency power generators installed and operated for residential, commercial and industrial uses, the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (“EQB”) issued a resolution exempting owners and operators of these units from payment of the associated permit fees. Fixed charges relative to the power generator’s motor capacity are not included in this incentive.

This exemption, which applies to new permit applications and renewals, will apply until **November 30, 2010**. Thereafter, these sources will be required to pay the regular fees applicable to these units which vary according to the horsepower (“hp”) from \$250.00 to \$1,100.00. New Emergency Power Generator Permit application forms have also been issued towards these ends and are available electronically to those interested.

EQB Resolution R-10-24-1 also provides relief from some cumbersome requirements generally associated to general permit application filings.

Note however that these concessions apply only to emergency power generators of 300 hp or less used for single family dwellings.

- Emissions calculations requirements and payments of the Internal Revenue and Colegio de Ingenieros y Agrimensores de Puerto Rico stamps are waived;
- Filing may be done directly at the EQB, which has agreed to be the proponent agency for these units; and
- Units that meet the mentioned criteria will be automatically considered a “categorical exclusion” and are thus exempted from the environmental impact review analysis required under the EQB’s Environmental Impact Statement regulations.

For more information pertaining to this amnesty and the permit application process to legalize your unit, please contact us at your earliest convenience.



We at Goldman remain committed in assisting you and your business to adjust to changes in the law. For further information you may contact *Gretchen Mendez* at 787.759.4207 (gmendez@gaclaw.com); or *Alicia Lamboy* at 787.759.4144 (alamboy@gaclaw.com).

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