

NYC Clean Heating Oil Mandate Cleaner fuel by 2012

Throughout the city, around 9,000 buildings currently burn no. 4 or no. 6 heating oil. The City of New York has proposed rules to phase out no. 4 and no. 6 heating oils, or high-sulfur petroleum fuels known as “residual fuels,” by requiring building owners to switch to progressively cleaner fuels.



In July, Mayor Bloomberg signed into law new mandates governing the sulfur and bio-fuel content of heating oil burned in New York City. The regulations, which will take effect in October of 2012 will cap the sulfur content of any heating oil used in the city at 1,500 parts per million and require a minimal bio-diesel content of 2 percent. The rules targeted no. 4 and no. 6 heating oils, the dregs of the refining process known as “residual fuels,” in an attempt to reduce their emissions, which are harmful to human health and the environment.

The bill, S1145C, would limit the sulfur content of heating oil to 15 parts per million, the same low-sulfur standard that already applies to on-road diesel fuel, and includes a provision for the governor to suspend the requirement if there isn't sufficient fuel available. The Senate cited the same benefits of low-sulfur heating oil that had previously been cited by the New York chapter of the American Lung Association, lower soot pollution that causes respiratory problems, fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and improved system performance and system efficiency that comes from burning a cleaner fuel.

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