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Frequently Asked Questions on the Dust Control Operating Permit (DCOP) for Temporary Commercial Activities

1. Why did Air Quality create the Temporary Commercial Activities permit?

Seasonal Christmas tree lots, pumpkin patches, carnivals, or other special events did not fall within the requirements of a DCOP nor were they addressed in the unpaved parking lot or storage areas regulation. However, there is a possibility for PM₁₀ emissions from the disturbance of soil during the creation or operation of these types of activities. Normally, these seasonal activities and special events extend beyond the 35 day limit for unpaved parking/storage areas allowed in AQR Section 92 and would require paving for operations beyond 35 days. In order to allow for these seasonal activities that typically last approximately 90 days, and still control and minimize the fugitive dust emissions, Air Quality created the Temporary Commercial Activities permit which spans 90 days.

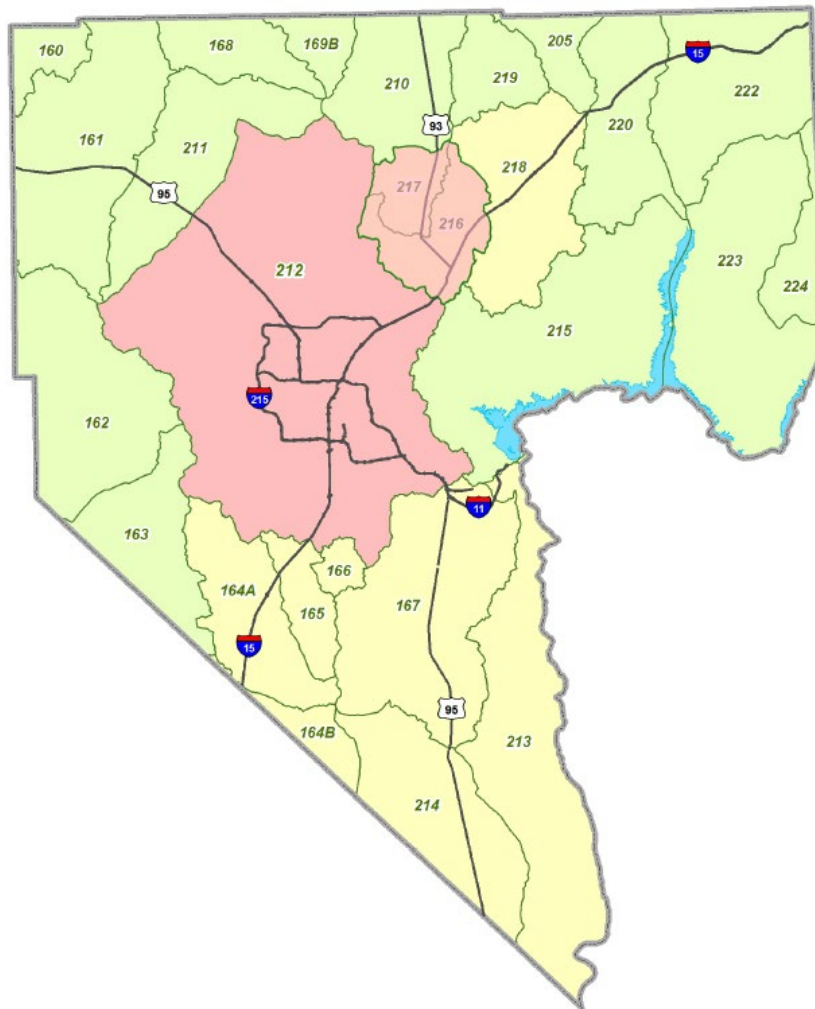
2. What is a Temporary Commercial Activity?

"Temporary Commercial Activities" are activities that are limited to less than 90 days—including special events, holiday activities (e.g., pumpkin patches, Christmas tree lots), and festivals, including associated unpaved parking areas—and have the potential to disturb soils.

If you will be performing soil disturbing construction activities 0.25 acres or greater in overall area, mechanized trenching one hundred (100) feet or greater in length, or for mechanical demolition of any structure one thousand (1,000) square feet or larger, please apply for a DCOP for Construction Activities instead.

3. Is a DCOP for Temporary Commercial Activities required in all of Clark County?

No. A DCOP for Temporary Commercial Activities is only required in Hydrographic Areas 212 (Las Vegas Valley), 216 (Garnet Valley), and 217 (Hidden Valley North). These areas are shown in Rose color on the map of Clark County below.



4. What is the threshold for requiring a DCOP for Temporary Commercial Activities?

A DCOP for Temporary Commercial Activities is required for temporary commercial activities 0.25 acres or greater in overall area.

5. Is there a fee associated with a DCOP for Temporary Commercial Activities?

No.

6. Is there a requirement to have someone with a Dust Control Class card present onsite?

No.

7. Is there a requirement to install a DCOP sign?

No.

8. Can a DCOP for Temporary Commercial Activities be renewed?

No. This permit is valid for 90 days at which time the permittee must vacate the area and long term stabilize and block access to the site.