

An Act To Improve Maine's Air Quality and Reduce Regional Haze at Acadia National Park and Other Federally Designated Class 1 Areas

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §603-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 95, §5, is further amended to read:

2. Prohibitions. Except as provided in subsections 4 and 9, a person may not use any liquid fossil fuel with a sulfur content exceeding the limits in paragraph A or any solid fossil fuel with a sulfur content to heat content ratio exceeding the limits of paragraph B.

A. The sulfur content for liquid fossil fuels is as follows.

- (1) In the Central Maine, Downeast, Aroostook County and Northwest Maine Air Quality Control Regions and the Metropolitan Portland Air Quality Control Region outside the Portland Peninsula Air Quality Control Region, a person may not use any residual fuel oil with a sulfur content greater than 2.0% by weight; beginning January 1, 2018, the limit for those regions is 0.5% by weight.
- (2) In the Portland Peninsula Air Quality Control Region, a person may not use any residual fuel oil with a sulfur content greater than 1.5% by weight; beginning January 1, 2018, the limit for that region is 0.5% by weight.
- (3) Statewide, a person may not use a distillate fuel:
 - (a) Beginning January 1, 2016, with a sulfur content greater than 0.005% by weight; and
 - (b) Beginning January 1, 2018, with a sulfur content greater than 0.0015% by weight.

The sulfur content requirements in this subparagraph do not apply to the use of distillate fuel for manufacturing purposes.