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### **New Burn Permit Requirements Adjusted**

*Jackson, MS* – As you know, the new minimum requirements for burn permits went into effect Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. We replaced the old minimums of 3.5m/s transport wind speed (TWS) and 500m mixing height (MH) with the new 3m/s TWS and 890m MH. The change in minimums was designed to allow for more available days to obtain burn permits. The new minimums were taken from the USFS's Region 8 Smoke Management Guidelines Handbook. After receiving feedback from the field on these new minimums, we have decided that another change needs to be made.

Starting immediately, both burn permit minimums, the old and the new, will go into effect and should be used in an "either/or" capacity. Therefore, to obtain a burn permit, it **either** needs to satisfy the old 3.5m/s TWS and 500m MH **or** the new 3m/s TWS and 890m MH.

Since the old minimums resulted in good smoke dispersal, we see no reason to abandon them. However, if the lesser 3m/s TWS is needed to obtain the burn permit, it must meet the 890m MH.

If you have any questions on the new minimums, please contact Dennis Dauterive or Russell Bozeman. You may also visit our website at [www.mfc.state.gov](http://www.mfc.state.gov).

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