

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Division of Shellfish Sanitation Staff

THROUGH: Robert W. Hicks, Acting Director
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SUBJECT: Shellfish Plants - Policy - Blower Tank Air Filters

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The Molluscan Shellfish Model Ordinance requires that the air intake for compressors be protected with an air filter. This working memo is intended to provide guidance on approved types of air filters.

Air filters are now required on the air intake line for compressors used to force air into blower tanks. These filters are to be replaced yearly. If the filter is located outside the plant it shall be protected from the elements. An inexpensive paper automotive type air filter is acceptable.

Filters that are not acceptable include the following:

- Σ Fiberglass packed
- Σ Oil soaked filter
- Σ Filters composed only of wire mesh or screen

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