

**STATUS OF HEATING OIL SULFUR CONTENT REQUIREMENTS
FOR NORTHEASTERN USA**

STATE	ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	STATUS
CT	Standard of 50 ppm for home heating oil & lighter grade fuel	7/1/2011	Legislation passed, but is contingent on the passage of similar measures in NY, RI and MA
	Standard of 15 ppm for home heating oil & lighter grade fuel	7/1/2014	
	Biodiesel blending requirements of 2% beginning in 2011 to increase incrementally to 20 percent by 2020	7/1/2011	
ME	Standard of 500 ppm for all distillate fuels	1/1/2014	Legislation passed; rulemaking proposed and in public comment period
	Standard of 50 ppm for all distillate fuels	1/1/2016	
	Standard of 15 ppm for all distillate fuels	1/1/2018	
NJ	Standard of 500 ppm for all heating oil & lighter grade fuel	7/1/2014	Legislation passed
	Standard of 15 ppm for all heating oil & lighter grade fuels	7/1/2016	
NY	Cuts allowable sulfur level in No. 2 heating oil to 15 ppm	7/1/2012	Legislation Passed
	For NY CITY: Cuts allowable sulfur level in No. 4 heating oil to 1,500 ppm	10/1/2012	
PA	Would cut allowable sulfur levels to 15 ppm for No. 2 heating oil; 2,500 for No. 4 heating oil; and 5,000 for No. 5, No. 6 and heavier oils	5/1/2012	Proposed rulemaking and in public comment period
	A bill introduced in the PA legislature would require all heating oil used for residential, commercial and industrial heating to have a sulfur content of 15 ppm or below		Legislation proposed
DC, DE, MA, MD, NH, RI, VT	No actions to lower sulfur content are currently proposed.		Measures have been discussed in some States, but formal actions have not been taken.