

## PORT EVERGLADES TARIFF NO. 12

### **Item No. 1060–Hot Work Permits.**

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General: Chapter 32, Part IV of the Broward County Administrative Code authorizes the Port Everglades Department to designate areas within the Port Everglades wherein Port Users are required to obtain Hot Work Permits from the Port Everglades Department before conducting Hot Work, as well as the terms and conditions under which such Permits are issued. Hot Work Permits and Notifications required by the Port Everglades Department are administered through the Broward Sheriff's Office, Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, Fire Marshal's Office at Port Everglades acting on the Port Everglades Department's behalf. Hot Work Permits are generally issued only to individuals or entities having an established relationship with Port Everglades, but can be issued to any Port User at the Port Everglades Department's discretion. To obtain a Hot Work Permit or to make a required Notification regarding planned Hot Work, the following information is required: applicant's name and address, relationship with the Port Everglades Department, location, nature, and timing of the proposed work, designated contractor, and contact information for both the applicant and contractor. Applications are available from the Fire Marshal's Office at Port Everglades.

All Hot Work performed within Port Everglades will be conducted in accordance with the current edition of NFPA 51B, Standards for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work, other applicable NFPA Codes, and applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Port Everglades Hot Work Permit and Notification terms and conditions will be consistent with said codes.

Hot Work is defined in NFPA 51B, Section 3.3.2. as work involving burning, welding, or a similar operation that is capable of initiating fires or explosions. Sections 1.3.1 and 3.3.6 of NFPA 51B provide a more detailed list of Hot Work processes covered by the Standard.

Hot Work that takes place within the Landside Facilities listed in Section [I], below, requires a Port Everglades Department issued Hot Work Permit. Hot Work being performed on a vessel located within Port Everglades requires Notification to the Port Everglades Department in accordance with Section [II], below.

There is normally no charge associated with the issuance of a Hot Work Permit or processing a Hot Work Notification Form; however, if an inspector assigned to review the work plan or to inspect the work site is required to return for unscheduled duty, a after-hours inspection fee will be charged by Broward Sheriff's Office, Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services.

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Failure to obtain a required Hot Work Permit or to provide required Notification under this Tariff Item will be dealt with as follows:

First offense – written warning

Second offense – a \$500.00 penalty will be assessed

Subsequent offenses – a \$1,000.00 penalty will be assessed

Failure to follow hotwork permit guidelines is cause for a safety review, which may result in permit revocation.

Information about Port Everglades Hot Work Permit requirements, Hot Work Permit Applications, and Hot Work Notification Forms is available from the Broward Sheriff's Office, Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, Fire Marshal's Office at Port Everglades.

### **[I] Landside Facilities Requiring Permits Prior to Engaging in Hot Work:**

1. Petroleum Operations Areas, defined as petroleum terminals, petroleum transfer areas, and petroleum or natural gas pipeline right of ways located within Port Everglades.
2. Marine Terminal Facilities, defined as piers, docks, and container yards owned by Broward County, including Designated Waterfront Facilities under 33 CFR, §126.13.

**Regular Hot Work Permits:** Regular, project-based Hot Work Permits from the Port Everglades Department are required for Hot Work taking place anywhere within Petroleum Operations Areas or Marine Terminal Facilities unless the work is performed under the terms and conditions of a valid Annual Hot Work Permit issued by the Port Everglades Department as outlined below. Port Users, or their designees acceptable to the Port, are required to submit a completed Hot Work Permit Application not less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the planned start of Hot Work. Forms are available from the Broward Sheriff's Office, Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, Fire Marshal's Office at Port Everglades.

**Annual Hot Work Permits:** Annual Hot Work Permits are required in Petroleum Operations areas and Marine Terminal Facilities if a Designated Area, as defined in NFPA 51B, Section 5.2.2.1, is needed by the Facility Operator or if an operator located on private property seeks the Port Everglades Department's acceptance of a corporate Hot Work permit program in accordance with the procedure outlined below.

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Owners of Petroleum Operations Areas or Marine Terminal Facilities located on private property within Port Everglades with an established, formal, corporate-wide Hot Work permit program may request a review of their internal Hot Work permit procedure as part of the Annual Hot Work Permit application review process. If the established, corporate-wide Hot Work permit procedures are found to be in accordance with all applicable codes and regulations and deemed acceptable by the Fire Marshal's Office, the internal Hot Work permit procedure will be recognized by the Port Everglades Department and incorporated by reference in an Annual Hot Work Permit.

Facilities with Port Everglades Department-issued Annual Hot Work Permits recognizing a corporate-wide internal Hot Work permit process will be permitted to conduct hot work within the privately owned facility in Permit-Required Areas, as defined in NFPA 51B, Section 5.2. under an internal permit providing a completed Hot Work Notification Form is submitted to the Fire Marshal's Office not less than twenty- four (24) hours prior to the planned start of work followed by a copy of the internal permit prior to initiating work, or with lesser notice if approved by the Fire Marshal's Bureau. Based upon a review of the completed Notification Form and the internal permit, the Fire Marshal's Office may require an inspection of the work site and review of the proposed work plan and, if deemed necessary, impose additional requirements before work can proceed.

Facilities holding a current, valid Annual Hot Work Permit with Designated Area(s) to conduct Hot Work are not required to provide Notification to the Port through the Fire Marshal's Office when conducting Hot Work in the Designated Area(s).

[II] Vessels at Port Everglades Required to Provide Notification Prior to Engaging in Hot Work:

Vessels located within Port Everglades planning to engage in Hot Work are required to submit a completed Vessel Hot Work Notification Form not less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of starting work. Forms are available from the Broward Sheriff's Office, Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, Fire Marshal's Office at Port Everglades. Notification is to be submitted by one of the following: Franchised Steamship Agent, Vessel Representative, or vessel Hot Work contractor. Information is to include: name of vessel, Berth, nature and timing of the proposed work, designated contractor, and contact information for both the applicant and contractor. Based upon a review of the completed Notification Form including the nature and location of the specified Hot Work the Fire Marshal's Office may require an inspection of the work site and review of the proposed work plan and, if deemed necessary, impose additional requirements up to and including requiring application for and issuance of a formal Hot Work Permit prior to allowing work to proceed.