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COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

NOTICE TO RENTAL FACILITIES AND OPERATORS OF PORTABLE ENGINES

The Air Pollution Control District (District) regulates portable engines through permitting, registrations and periodic inspections. An authority to operate, in the form of a District permit, District registration, or Air Resources Board (ARB) Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) registration, is required for all portable engines with a maximum brake horsepower (bhp) rating of 50 or greater. Brake horsepower rating is defined as the maximum continuous brake horsepower output rating of the internal reciprocating combustion engine as specified by the engine manufacturer and listed on the engine nameplate.

The District has inspected portable engines that have been altered to change the maximum horsepower. In some cases, a portable engine originally rated at 52 horsepower by the engine manufacturer, had been subsequently altered to produce a maximum horsepower rating of 49.

The District wishes to remind engine rental yards and engine operators, for the purpose of determining whether an engine requires a permit or registration, only engine manufacturers (not the generator or compressor manufacturer) may de-rate an engine and produce an engine nameplate. The engine nameplate must include the serial number of the engine and bhp rating. Upon demand, the manufacturer or the equipment owner must be able to produce documentation on how the engine was de-rated and how the final bhp was determined.

If you have any questions about District requirements in regards to de-rating your engine, please call Eric Luther at (858) 586-2656.

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