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COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

Attention “Special Events” Hosts

Portable Engines Operating without Authority to Operate

The County of San Diego Air Pollution Control (District) has recently found portable engines used for power generation at “special events” that operate without a permit. “Special events” include but are not limited to sporting events, concerts, conventions, street fairs, carnivals, farmers markets, etc.

Portable internal combustion engines rated by the engine manufacturer at 50 horsepower or greater cannot be operated in San Diego County unless authority to operate (a permit or registration) is granted from the District or California Air Resources Board (CARB) Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP). Page two of this advisory shows how to determine if the engine has the proper permit to operate. You should not allow unpermitted engines rated 50 HP or greater at “special events”.

Please note that both the portable engine owner/operator and entity holding the “special event” may be subject to compliance actions for violating District rules by installing and operating a portable engine without proper authorization.


If you have any questions regarding District portable engine requirements, you may contact the District Business Assistant, Eric Luther, at (858) 586-2656.
The operator of a portable engine rated at 50 horsepower or greater must show the registration with PERP or the District as shown below:

**PERP Registration:**

![PERP Registration Image]

Both the green placard and Air Resources Board sticker are needed to show registration in the PERP program.

In lieu of a PERP registration, the operator of a portable engine rated at 50 horsepower or greater can operate under a Registration granted by the District as shown below:

**Certificate of Registration**

The operator of the engine must have a copy of a District Certificate of Registration to show registration with the District.