

November 18, 2019

Compliance Advisory

The District has recently revised the following rules, which became effective on October 30, 2019.

- [Rule 11](#) – *Exemptions from Rule 10 Permit Requirements*
- [Rule 12](#) – *Registration of Specified Equipment*
- [Rule 12.1](#) – *Portable Equipment Registration*

Rule 11 provides permit exemptions for equipment, operations, and processes that are negligible sources of air pollutant emissions. Permits for newly exempt equipment may be retired. The recent revisions include the following changes:

- Rule 11(c)(21)- clarifies that cannabis, including any cannabis products intended for external use, are not pharmaceutical products;
- Rule 11(d)(13)(viii) - exempts polyester resin operations with volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions of 150 pounds or less per consecutive 12-month period;
- Rule 11(d)(16)(i) - exempts cold solvent cleaning, vapor degreasing, or stripping operations that use materials with a VOC content of 25 grams per liter (g/l) or less;
- Rule 11(d)(16)(ix) - clarifies that the 550-gallon usage exemption for surface preparation and wipe cleaning using VOC-containing materials does not apply to cold solvent cleaning, vapor degreasing, or stripping operations;
- Rule 11(d)(17)(vi) - clarifies that the exemption for mobile transport, delivery, or cargo tanks on vehicles used for delivery of volatile organic liquids does not apply to the transfer of volatile organic liquids from tanks into vehicle fuel tanks; and,
- Rule (d)(19)(xxi) exempts municipal wastewater pump stations that have an annual average actual throughput of less than one million gallons of wastewater per day.

Rule 12.1 provides a voluntary mechanism to register certain portable engines and equipment for use in San Diego County in lieu of obtaining a local permit to operate. Rule 12.1 was revised to ensure consistency with the most recent changes by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to its statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) and Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Diesel Particulate Matter from Portable Engines Rated at

50 Horsepower and Greater. Additional revisions were adopted for consistency with other District Rules and Regulations. The recent revision includes the following changes:

- Reduce the daily PM emission limit from 150 pounds per day to 82 pounds per project per day;
- Remove daily volatile organic compound (VOC) emission limitations;
- Add new Section (b) Ineligible Equipment;
- Add rock drills and the standards for registration;
- Add new Section (e) Registration of Emission Units;
- Add new Section (f) Administration of Certificate of Registration;
- Include new and revised definitions;
- Remove outdated sections and definitions; and
- Update sections to be consistent with State regulations.

In conjunction with the draft proposed amendments to Rule 12.1, the District also amended Rule 12 by removing rock drills and adding them to Rule 12.1 instead. This amendment will clarify the conditions for registering or permitting this equipment. Existing registrations will be updated by the District to incorporate the updated rule requirements. If you operate a rock drill as part of a stationary source that therefore does not comply with the requirements of Rule 12.1(b), an application for a permit to operate must be submitted to the District by March 1, 2020.

Should you have any questions regarding this advisory or need additional compliance assistance, please contact the Compliance duty supervisor at (858) 586-2650. If you have permits for vapor or cold solvent degreasers that you think are now exempt, please send a list of the permits in question to Nick.Horres@sdcounty.ca.gov. For questions regarding rock drill applications please contact John.Annicchiarico@sdcounty.ca.gov.