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COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

UPCOMING PHASE-OUT OF TIER 1 PORTABLE DIESEL-FUELED ENGINES

The Air Pollution Control District (District) enforces the State Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Diesel Particulate Matter from Portable Engines (Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Sections 93116 – 93116.5). This ATCM applies to portable diesel-fueled engines rated at 50 brake horsepower and greater. Recent amendments to this ATCM include a requirement that will phase out the use of Tier 1 portable diesel-fueled engines by January 1, 2020 unless these engines are re-classified as low-use or emergency-use, or are enrolled as part of a large fleet in the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP).

You are receiving this advisory because District records indicate your company has one or more Tier 1 portable diesel-fueled engines permitted or registered locally under District Rules 10 or 12.1, respectively.

The ATCM allows Tier 1 portable diesel-fueled engines to remain in the fleet indefinitely if they are designated as low-use engines or emergency-use engines. Designated low-use engines may only operate 200 hours or less in a calendar year. Designated emergency-use engines may only operate during an emergency or emergency event.

Large fleet operators may also continue to operate their Tier 1 engines under the large fleet PM emission average provisions. However, this option requires all engines in the fleet to be registered in the statewide PERP no later than June 30, 2019.

If you wish to change an engine’s designation from prime-use to either low-use or emergency-use, you must submit an application and fees to the District to modify your permit(s) or registration(s) by July 1, 2019. The application fee for modifying a registration is $623.00. If you hold a Permit to Operate instead of a registration, please contact the District to request a fee estimate for the modification. Note that engine operators holding PERP registrations must contact CARB to modify their registrations. Information on the statewide PERP can be found at https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/portable-equipment-registration-program-perp.

If you have any questions regarding this advisory, please contact Jorge López, Supervising Air Quality Inspector at (858) 586-2682. If you have questions about the application process and the required fees, please contact John Annicchiarico, Senior Engineer at (858) 586-2733.

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