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COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

Rule 69.3.1 – Stationary Gas Turbine Engines Rule 69.4.1 – Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines

Purpose

On February 12, 2026, amendments to San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) Rule 69.3.1 – Stationary Gas Turbine Engines and Rule 69.4.1 – Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines became effective. The amendments ensure that nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and carbon monoxide (CO) emission limits apply continuously, including during startup and shutdown periods, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Clean Air Act (CAA).

Previously, SDAPCD rules included exemptions from emission concentration limits during startup and shutdown because pollution control equipment may not operate effectively until certain operating temperatures or conditions are reached. However, EPA determined that such exemptions are inconsistent with CAA requirements, which require emission limitations to apply on a continuous basis.

Who Is Affected

This advisory applies to facilities operating:

- Stationary gas turbine engines subject to Rule 69.3.1, and
- Stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines subject to Rule 69.4.1.

Key Rule Changes

The amendments include the following updates:

- Removal of startup and shutdown exemptions from emission limits.
- Addition of work practice requirements to minimize emissions during startup and shutdown events.
- Best management practice requirements were added for startup and shutdown periods to comply with EPA's Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction (SSM) policy.
- For Rule 69.4.1, inspection and maintenance requirements were revised to allow maintenance within one year plus 30 days from the previous maintenance event, aligning with federal NESHAP Subpart ZZZZ – Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines requirements.

Permit Updates

To ensure ongoing compliance, SDAPCD will update permits subject to these amendments.

Please be advised that SDAPCD will recover costs associated with permit revisions in accordance with SDAPCD Rule 40. Updated permits will be sent to affected facilities with a cover letter identifying the revised conditions.

Additional Information

Final amended rules:

- [Rule 69.3.1](#)
- [Rule 69.4.1](#)

Rules reflecting revisions:

- [Rule 69.3.1-Change Copy](#)
- [Rule 69.4.1-Change Copy](#)

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