

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE ADVISORY

APCD TO BEGIN ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR UNREGISTERED AGRICULTURAL ENGINES

MONEY IS AVAILABLE TO REPLACE OLDER AGRICULTURAL ENGINES

On September 11, 2007, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board adopted Rule 250 that requires owners of non-vehicle diesel engines 50 hp and greater used in agricultural operations to register with the Air Pollution Control District (APCD). Rule 250 implements the California Air Resources Board's *Air Toxic Control Measure for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines*. New diesel engines installed after September 11, 2007, must be registered within 90 days after installation. If you own or operate an agricultural engine, the following information is important to you!

APCD Enforcement Program

Be advised that the APCD is continuing a program to take enforcement action against owners of unregistered agricultural diesel engines. Owners of unregistered agricultural diesel engines will be issued Notices of Violation and monetary penalties will be sought. The California Health and Safety Code allows the APCD to seek penalties of up to \$1,000 per day of violation. Contact Laura Kranzler at (805) 645-1404 for information on registering agricultural engines.

"Tier 0" Engines

The State's ATCM prohibits the operation of agricultural engines categorized as "Tier 2" or lower after December 31, 2015, or 12 years after the date of initial installation, whichever is later¹. The APCD has funds available to assist in the purchase of electric motors or new, cleaner agricultural diesel engines that replace Tier 3 engines; however, in order to receive funding, the old engine must be registered first. Contact Tyler Harris at (805) 645-1407 if you wish to apply for funding.

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¹ For the purposes of the 12-year operating allowance, the "date of installation" cannot be later than one year from January 1 of the model year of the engine.