



UPCOMING AGRICULTURAL DIESEL ENGINE DEADLINE & APCD ENFORCEMENT FOR UNREGISTERED AG ENGINES

On September 11, 2007, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board adopted Rule 250 requiring owners of non-vehicle diesel engines 50 brake horsepower (BHP) 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*. Under the Air Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) and Rule 250, agricultural engines 50 BHP and greater were required to register with the APCD by March 1, 2008. New 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!

"Tier 0" Engines

The ATCM prohibits the operation of "Tier 0" agricultural engines rated at 100 BHP¹ or more after December 31, 2010. Tier 0 agricultural engines rated at 50 to 99 BHP may operate until December 31, 2011. A Tier 0 engine is not certified by the U.S. EPA to any emission standard, and may be as new as 1997. The lack of an EPA emissions label on the engine is an indicator that the engine may be a Tier 0 engine. Tier 0 engines must be replaced with new, cleaner engines. The current Tier is Tier 3 for the most commonly used BHP range of agricultural engines. **With only limited exceptions, you may not operate Tier 0 agricultural engines, rated at 100 BHP or greater, after December 31, 2010.**

APCD Enforcement Program

All agricultural diesel engines, rated at 50 BHP or greater, must be registered with the APCD, including new replacement engines. Be advised that the APCD will take enforcement action against owners of unregistered agricultural engines and owners of Tier 0 engines operated after their compliance date. Owners of unregistered or Tier 0 agricultural engines will be issued Notices of Violation and monetary penalties will be sought. The California Health and Safety Code allows penalties of up to \$1,000 per day for each day of violation. Contact Dan Searcy at 805/645-1494 regarding the APCD's Enforcement Program for unregistered agricultural engines.

Agricultural Engine Registration Program

District Engineering staff are available to assist with and explain the registration process. Ag engine registration forms can be downloaded on the District website at www.vcapcd.org. Contact Ken Hall at 805/645-1401 for additional information on registering agricultural engines.

¹ BHP rating is the maximum continuous design power rating. Engine de-rating to comply is not permitted.
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