



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*. Under the Air Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) and Rule 250, agricultural engines 50 hp 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!

APCD Enforcement Program

Be advised that the APCD is beginning a program to take enforcement action against owners of unregistered agricultural engines. Owners of unregistered agricultural 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 Ken Hall at 805/645-1401 for information on registering agricultural engines.

"Tier 0" Engines

The State's ATCM prohibits the operation of agricultural engines categorized as "Tier 0" engines after either December 31, 2010, or December 31, 2011, depending upon the engine's horsepower¹. 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. The APCD has funds available to assist in the purchase of electric motors or new, cleaner agricultural engines that replace Tier 0 engines; however, in order to receive funding, the old engine must be registered first and the new engine must be installed and operational by December 31, 2010. Contact Chris Frank at 805/645-1409 if you wish to apply for funding.

¹ Most engines greater than or equal to 100 horsepower must be replaced by December 31, 2010. Most engines between 49 and 100 horsepower must be replaced by December 31, 2011.