



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES

Permits Required for Engines Driving Air Pumps

On April 13, 2004, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board adopted a series of revisions to APCD Rule 23, Exemptions from Permit. The revisions become effective on July 12, 2004. Among other things, the revisions removed an exemption from permit for piston driven engines used to drive air pumps at sewage treatment facilities. Engines rated at less than 50 brake horsepower will continue to be exempt from permit. Permits are not required for spark-ignited engines used for emergency back up purposes¹. The rule was revised to bring these engines into the APCD's permit system, consistent with all other stationary engines, and to help implement the California Air Resources Board's recently adopted Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines.

If you own or operate engines used to drive air pumps at sewage treatment facilities, rated at 50 brake horsepower or greater, you will be required to obtain a Permit to Operate for its operation.

Engine operators affected by this rule change must submit applications for permits no later than December 31, 2004. You should contact Kerby Zozula, in the APCD Permit Engineering Section, at 805/645-1421, for assistance with permit applications and the permit process.

Rule 23, Exemptions from Permit, may be obtained from the APCD's website at www.vcapcd.org/rules_division.htm.

Information on the California Air Resources Board's Diesel Risk Reduction Program and associated ATCMs can be obtained from the ARB website at www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/dieselryp.htm.

¹ This exemption applies to spark-ignited emergency internal combustion engines used only when electrical power line or natural gas service fails. Such engines may be operated for engine maintenance.