

Monthly Report of the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District 🍄

Ride boldly: An exercise in clean air

MAY 2007

ay 14 – 18 issues in the 13th annual California Bike Commute Week featuring Bike-to-Work Day on Thursday, May 17. This yearly event is a project of the California Bicycle Coalition, a nonprofit organization that advocates increased bicycle use as an everyday means of transportation and recreation. At the Air District, we also believe it's a great way to help our air quality as well.

Bicycles are the ultimate clean air, zero emissions vehicle with no tailpipe emissions, which contribute to smog formation and greenhouse gas emissions. Bikes are practical, economical, low maintenance, and nonpolluting. Plus, riding a bike is a great form of exercise.

According to surveys from APCD's Rule 211 companies, there were 1,243 bike commute trips here in 2006. For those bicyclists, and everyone interested in biking to work in Ventura County, there is information on Biketo-Work Day on the APCD A **bicycle** --cheap to operate, **good** for exercise, and the **ultimate clean air** vehicle

website at <u>www.vcapcd.org</u> , including free VISTA bus coupons for bicyclists.

Personal checklist

The Bicycle Coalition suggests that the week before you ride to work, you may want to follow some of its guidelines.

- 1. **Determine your route to work.** The route you drive to work may not be the same one to bike to work.
- 2. **Talk to your employer.** Inform your supervisor that you will be commuting by bicycle. Ask where the bicycle can

be parked during work hours.

3. **Check out your bike.** Make sure it's in proper working order. Also, make sure your tires are properly inflated. And, of course, wear your helmet!

Success stories

Local companies have been involved in biking as a commute option for a long time. In 2006, Patagonia Inc. had over 250 riders on Bike-to-Work Day nationally. (continued on page 3)



May is Clean Air Month. Call 800/LUNG-USA or Visit www.californialung.org for activities.



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At Adventist Media in Simi Valley in 2006, they placed posters on bulletin boards; printed and offered coupons for a bus ride for cyclists; and had a general announcement at their morning session.

Folks at Rio Mesa High School in Oxnard, heavily advertise Bike-to-Work Day and Bike Commute Week. They have had as many as twenty riders in the past, and this is a good result since, as they put it they are, "out in the middle of the strawberry fields."

And here at the District we have our very own clean air cyclist. District engineer Lyle **Olson**, a 22-year employee, is also an avid bike-to-work commuter. For nine of those 22 years, Lyle has ridden the same Schwinn bicycle to work and back everyday (except in the rain). Even though his commute is only 2.5 miles, he knows every little bit helps. Lyle figures over the years, he has ridden 4,000 miles. Think of it that's like pedaling from New York City to Milan, Italy! When asked why he does this commute, he simply answers, "To help clean the air."

Of course, it's not just Ventura County. The international community has been involved in biking for a long time, especially in the Netherlands. In January, the Associated Press reported that Paris wants to soon become a city of bicycles. Paris City Hall announced it has selected an advertising firm to operate a new free bicycle service in the capital. The city wants to make thousands of bikes available for free to commuters, strollers and tourists -- in part to help cut down on pollution. The goal is to have some 14,100 bikes deployed in the capital by this summer.



Lyle Olson getting ready for his bike commute home.

For more information on Bike-to-Work week, you can call **Judy Willens** at **645-1424**.

Cycling timeline

1817 – Baron von Drais invents the Draisine, a machine that can be steered with handlebars. **1869 –** The term **"bicycle**" is first used.

1889 – Pneumatic rubber tires invented.

1895 – **Chicago** puts its mailmen on bicycles.

1896 - Margaret Valentine Le Long rides from Chicago to San Francisco; coaster brakes are invented; Henry Ford builds first successful automobile.
1898 - Bicycles' popularity in the United States declines.
1962 - New bicycle boom begins.

1972 – Bicycles outsell cars in the U.S. – 13 million to 11 million.

1976 – 2,000 cyclists celebrate **Bicentennial** by riding across America.

1984 – The road race becomes the first woman's cycling event at the Olympics.

1995 – **Fred Rompelberg** of the Netherlands sets a new bicycle speed record of 166.9 mph. At the time, he was 50 years old, and the world's oldest professional cyclist.

1996 – Mountain biking introduced as an Olympic sport. **2005** – **Lance Armstrong** wins his 7th Tour de France cycling race.



(source: www.exploratorium.edu)

AirLines



Greenhouse gases are air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. On Monday, April 2, the Supreme Court ordered the federal

government to take a fresh look at regulating carbon dioxide emissions from cars. In a 5-4 decision, it said the Clean Air Act gives the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to regulate the emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from cars. *Greenhouse gases are air pollutants under the landmark environmental law,* Justice John Paul Stevens said in his majority opinion.

The court had three questions before it.

- Do states have the right to sue the EPA to challenge its decision?
- Does the Clean Air Act give EPA the authority to regulate tailpipe emissions of greenhouse gases?
- Does EPA have the discretion not to regulate those emissions?

The court said yes to the first two questions. On the third, it ordered EPA to re-evaluate its contention it has the discretion not to regulate tailpipe emissions. The court said the agency has so far provided a "laundry list" of reasons that include foreign policy considerations. Federal law considers our state a laboratory on environmental issues and gives California the right to seek approval of standards that are stricter than national norms. (Source: Global Warming International Center)

Introduction to Energy Savings & Incentives. Southern California Edison, in cooperation with the Oxnard Chamber and the Gold Coast Hispanic Chamber, is presenting a FREE customer workshop on May 10 at the Courtyard Marriott in Oxnard. The workshop provides a foundation for small business owners to understand energy usage and learn ways to save energy dollars whether you own or rent your facility. Learn easy ways to save energy on lighting, air conditioning, office equipment, refrigeration, and shop equipment. Learn about rebates, programs and more! For information and/or to make a reservation, visit the web at: <u>www.sce.com/ctac</u> or call (626) 812-7537.



Green big-rigs? Starting this month, truck and trailer manufacturers are offering customers 2007 models certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *SmartWay* program to improve fuel efficiency. By meeting certain equipment specifications, these models provide the triple benefit of saving operators money while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants. "These new trucks will make an important contribution toward achieving EPA's goals for conserving energy and reducing emissions," said EPA's Bill Wehrum. "Truckers who buy this new equipment, and who are members of the EPA SmartWay program, will be able to proudly display a logo on their qualified big rigs."

SmartWay-approved equipment, like aerodynamic bumpers and mirrors on a tractor, can generate fuel reduction of 10 to 20 percent more than trucks without these devices. For example, aerodynamic bumpers and mirrors on a tractor help conserve fuel by reducing wind resistance. Each qualified truck can produce savings from 2,000 to 4,000 gallons of diesel each year, which would result in a gain up to \$11,000 annually. For more details, visit www.epa.gov/smartway.



25 years and counting. Rule Development Engineer Don Price has just completed 25

years with the District. During that time he has done permit processing and helped develop many significant regulations, including Rule 59, the most stringent utility boiler rule in the country. Currently, Price is also monitoring global climate change issues for the District. Look for his article this summer on what California is doing on global warming in the APCD's issue of *Clean Air Today* in the *Ventura County Star.*



Southern California student, Jordan Neves, off to school.

More health risks for kids. Growing up near a freeway stunts a child's breathing capacity for a lifetime, significantly increasing the risk of serious lung and

heart diseases later in life, according to researchers who monitored thousands of Southern California children. The landmark study, led by a team of

University of Southern California scientists and released in January 2007, delivers a sobering answer to the question about the health effects of being raised near a busy roadway where air is chronically polluted. "Even in communities with overall good air quality," says **James Gauderman** of **USC's Keck School of Medicine** and principal investigator, "If children are living near a busy road, then our results suggest that they are at increased risk of health effects."

According to the report, these children are not only more likely to develop asthma but also their lung development can be permanently cut short, increasing their odds of having a heart attack or a life-threatening respiratory condition, starting as early as their 50s.

More than 3,600 children participated for up to eight years. Investigators

examined the link between their exposure to traffic pollution at home and their lung development, measured by how much air the child could forcefully exhale into a device called a spirometer.

Researchers found that the overall lung capacity of children living within onethird of a mile from a freeway was three percent below that of children living a mile or more away from heavy traffic. The performance of their tiniest airways, where oxygen is delivered to their bloodstream, was about seven percent below that of children living outside the mile radius.

The reduced breathing capacity is unnoticeable among children because their lungs are still growing. Even after the lungs stop developing, about age 18, the deficit appears to have no effect because their lung capacity, which has lots of reserve, is at it peak.

Lung capacity declines with age, beginning in the 30s and 40s. For those with lungs already compromised by air pollution, the deficit is all the greater.



Vacationing this summer? Before making your

reservations, you may consider a stay at a *Green* hotel. These hotels implement water

and energy-saving measures and reduce solid waste and air pollution. The **Green Hotel Association** encourages all lodging accommodations to get guests involved. Hotels can offer towel and sheet-changing options, guestroom recycling baskets, and reduced food-related waste. Choose "green" hotels by calling "Green Hotels Association®" for a list of members. Or, visit GHA's Internet site, <u>www.greenhotels.com</u> for a complete listing, including accommodations in Yosemite National Park.



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Permit Activities MARCH 2007							
Authorities to Construct Month Permits to Operate Month							
Permits Requested	3	Permits Requested	24				
Permits Issued	5	Permits Issued	17				
Applications Under Review	21	Applications Under Review	82				
Sources Holding Permits	62	Sources Holding Permits	1423				
Average Turnaround Time	10.0 Weeks	Average Turnaround Time	6.0 Weeks				

	Authority to Construct Applications Received MARCH 2007							
Permit	Permit Facility City Project Description							
00041-982	Aera Energy LLC	Ventura	Tank Replacement Project					
01340-250	01340-250 PTI Technologies Inc . Oxnard Replace Catalytic Oxidizer							
07915-100	Pleasant Valley Field	Oxnard	New Oil Production Facility					

	Authorities to Construct Issued MARCH 2007								
Permit	Permit Facility City Project Description								
00174-160	Simi Valley Hospital	Simi Valley	Install New Boilers						
01179-130	The Termo Company	Santa Paula	Oil Tank Replacement Project						
07018-160	Gill's Onions	Oxnard	Biogas Recovery System						
07764-100	Tierra Rejada Landfill	Simi Valley	Install Landfill Gas Flare						
07911-100	Former Punjab Oil Company (VES)	Oxnard	Vapor Extraction System						

Permit to Operate Applications Received MARCH 2007						
Permit	Facility	City	Project Description			
00150-151	Hill Canyon Wastewater Plant	Camarillo	Modify Engines - Emergency Only			
00264-211	Bluestar Silicones USA Corporation	Ventura	Modify Usage Limits			
00365-141	Vaquero Energy, Inc.	Fillmore	Drill Replacement Oil Well			
00515-T01	CMP Display Systems Inc.	Newbury Park	Transfer of Ownership - Ducommun			
00634-121	Frias Wrought Iron Works	Ventura	Existing Metal Parts Coating Operation			
00851-181	Vitesse Semiconductor Corp.	Camarillo	Modify Rule 74.21 Compliance Strategy			
00997-351	Naval Base Ventura County	Point Mugu	Increase Gasoline Throughput Limit			
01006-341	Naval Base Ventura County	Port Hueneme	Existing Emergency Engine			
01006-351	Naval Base Ventura County	Port Hueneme	Increase Gasoline Throughput Limit			
04069-T02	Towne Cleaners	Moorpark	Transfer of Ownership - KSI			
06444-111	Apro #10	Simi Valley	Install Phase II EVR and ISD			
07469-T01	Camarillo Auto Body	Camarillo	Transfer of Ownership - C.A.B.			
07547-111	Staples Construction Co., Inc.	Ventura	Existing Wood Coating Operation			
07704-111	Mission Oaks RSU	Camarillo	Replacement Emergency Engine			
07708-111	Specialty Merchandise Corporation	Simi Valley	New Emergency Engine			
07852-101	Recon To Go	Moorpark	New Auto Refinishing Facility			
07882-111	Former B.J. Services Facility	Ventura	Modify Monitoring – VES			
07894-101	Former AI Sal Co. Station #22	Newbury Park	Vapor Extraction System			
07895-101	Tradewinds Market and Laundromat	Port Hueneme	Vapor Extraction System - Perchloroethylene			
07913-101	JC Penney Store #2663	Ventura	Existing Emergency Engine (Rule 23.D.7)			
07914-101	Crockett Graphics, Inc.	Camarillo	New Graphic Arts Facility			
07916-101	AT&T (NBVC-Port Hueneme)	Port Hueneme	Emergency Diesel Engine			
07917-101	It's All Greek To Me	Simi Valley	Existing Screen Printing Operations			
07918-101	Radial Drilling Services	Ventura County	Portable Oilfield Service Engine			

Permits to Operate Issued MARCH 2007						
Permit	Facility	City	Project Description			
00030-191	CEMEX Construction Materials	Moorpark	Permit Crushing Subcontractors			
00041-981	Aera Energy LLC	Ventura	Rule 74.16 Exemption (971 Revised)			
00264-T01	Bluestar Silicones USA Corp.	Ventura	Transfer of Ownership - B.S.			
00515-T01	CMP Display Systems Inc.	Newbury Park	Transfer of Ownership - Ducommun			
00820-171	St. John's Medical Center	Oxnard	Additional Emergency Engine			
01210-201	Pacific Recovery Corporation	Oxnard	Modify Condition - Condensate Vaporization			
01401-151	City of Simi Valley Public Ser	Ventura County	Modify Engine Operating Hours			
01453-T01	Arco Site No. 66 (VES)	Thousand Oaks	Transfer of Ownership - Arco VES			
01467-141	Johanson Technology Inc.	Camarillo	Relocate Electronics Manufacturing Operations			
04034-101	777 Cleaners	Simi Valley	Replace Dry Cleaning Machine			
04069-T02	Towne Cleaners	Moorpark	Transfer of Ownership - KSI			
07351-111	CalClean, Inc.	Ventura County	Additional Vapor Extraction System			
07431-111	Elite Metal Finishing	Oxnard	New Booth and Increase Coating Use			
07469-T01	Camarillo Auto Body	Camarillo	Transfer of Ownership - C.A.B.			
07474-111	MGR Design	Oxnard	Potpourri Manufacturing Facility			
07618-T01	Well No. 2	Camarillo	Transfer of Ownership - Camarillo			
07840-101	Arco #09617 (VES)	Simi Valley	Operate Vapor Extraction System			

ERC Balances by Company (Units – Tons per Year)						
	April 9, 2			~~~		
Company Name	ROC	NOx	PM ₁₀	SOx	Limitation	
Aera Energy LLC	0.02	0.49	0.45	0.04	No	
Aera Energy LLC	245.09	11.41	1.24	0.40	Yes	
Amgen, Inc.	0.00	5.28	0.00	0.00	No	
Amgen, Inc.	0.11	0.00	0.07	0.01	Yes	
Berry Petroleum Company	6.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes	
Chevron Environmental Management	1.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes	
ChevronTexaco	0.44	1.67	0.09	0.03	No	
ChevronTexaco	118.58	0.28	0.17	0.34	Yes	
Compositair	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	No	
Cook Composites & Polymers Co.	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes	
Dos Cuadras Offshore Resources	2.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	No	
Dos Cuadras Offshore Resources	0.12	0.00	0.18	0.02	Yes	
Equilon California Pipeline Co. LLC	6.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	No	
GF Health Products, Inc.	0.54	0.51	0.03	0.01	Yes	
Gilroy Foods, Inc.	0.00	0.09	0.01	0.00	Yes	
Haas Automation	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	Yes	
Halaco Engineering Company	0.64	0.00	0.00	0.02	Yes	
Hanson Aggregates	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.00	Yes	
Hunter Resources Development	0.09	0.01	0.01	0.00	No	
KTI Engineers & Constructors	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	Yes	
Mirada Petroleum, Inc.	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes	
Naval Base Ventura County	4.65	0.14	3.90	0.04	No	
Naval Base Ventura County	0.29	6.10	0.45	0.54	Yes	
Nestle Food Company	0.11	1.54	0.12	0.02	Yes	
Northrop Grumman Corporation	9.48	0.01	0.01	0.01	Yes	
Occidental Chemical Corporation	0.07	3.79	1.33	0.02	Yes	
Oryx Energy Company	2.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	No	
Oxnard Lemon Company	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	Yes	
Pacific Custom Materials, Inc.	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.00	No	
Pacific Operators Offshore LLC	0.30	1.77	0.09	0.02	No	
Parker Advanced Filtration	7.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	No	
Procter & Gamble Paper Products	45.84	22.17	19.71	0.00	No	
Procter & Gamble Paper Products	0.00	0.00	3.44	0.00	Yes	
PTI Technologies, Inc.	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	No	
PTI Technologies Inc.	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes	
Reichhold Chemicals, Inc.	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	No	
Reliant Energy Mandalay, Inc.	0.27	0.47	0.76	0.01	Yes	
Royal Coatings	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	No	
Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes	
Santa Fe Minerals, Inc.	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes	
Seneca Resources Corporation	2.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	No	

ERC Balances by Company (Units – Tons per Year)								
As of April 9, 2007								
Company Name	ROC	NOx	PM_{10}	SOx	Limitation			
Shell California Pipeline Co.	5.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes			
Solar World Industries American LP	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	No			
Solar World Industries American LP	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes			
Southern California Edison Co.	49.21	107.68	0.22	0.16	No			
St. John's Regional Medical Center	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.00	No			
Sully Miller Contracting Co.	0.36	1.51	3.33	0.02	Yes			
Technicolor Home Entertainment	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes			
TEG Oil & Gas USA, Inc.	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	No			
Tenby, Inc.	43.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	No			
The Boeing Company	0.45	0.01	0.00	0.00	No			
The Boeing Company	0.24	2.44	0.61	0.57	Yes			
The Termo Company	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes			
Unocal	4.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes			
Vaquero Energy	0.54	0.79	0.00	0.00	No			
Venoco, Inc.	0.01	2.50	0.05	0.00	No			
Venoco, Inc.	16.91	5.76	0.79	0.14	Yes			
Ventura County APCD Board	55.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	No			
Vintage Production California LLC	0.44	4.02	0.14	0.01	No			
Vintage Production California LLC	3.21	95.62	0.65	0.07	Yes			
Waste Management Energy Solutions	0.00	0.74	0.00	0.00	No			

Each balance above represents one or more ERC Certificates. If there is a "Limitation" on a balance, no reactive organic compound or nitrogen oxide emission reduction credits in that balance may be used for emission offsets at a stationary source that has permitted emissions greater than 25 tons per year of that pollutant. (See Rule 26.4.D.3 for details).

A more detailed report is available on the forms page (under Forms-Permits-ERC Report) on the District website (<u>www.vcapcd.org</u>). If you have any questions, please contact Kerby E. Zozula of the Engineering Division at 805/645-1421.



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Enforcement Activities MARCH 2007						
Inspections	Month	F/Y	Violations	Month	F/Y	
Permit/Other Inspections	234	1,531	Notices of Violation Issued	13	135	
Complaints Received and Investigated	18	144	Cases Settled after Office Conference	12	181	
Breakdowns Received and Investigated	8	75				
Asbestos Inspections	2	30				
New Business	4	22	Settlement/Fines	19,500	239,983	

	Sources Operating Under Variance MARCH 2007								
No. Facility/Location Source Rule End Date Status									
789	City of Thousand Oaks Hill Canyon Treatment Plant	Boiler Flare	29.C, Cond. 2	04/30/07	On Schedule				
790									

	Sources Operating Under Stipulated Conditional Order of Abatement MARCH 2007							
No.	No. Facility/Location Source Rule End Date Status							
777	Republic Fastener Manufacturing	Coating Operation	29.C 74.13, Section B.1	08/01/2006				
782	United Water Conservation District	Engines	26.2 – BACT 74.9	07/01/08	On Schedule			

Notices of Violation Issued MARCH 2007				
NOV No.	Facility	City	Violation	
020624	Prena	Simi Valley	CARB Title 17 Defect-PHI - V.R. System Testing Failure	
021294	Alphagraphics in the Village Plaza	Thousand Oaks	Operating Without A Permit - Graphic Arts	
021331	Naval Base Ventura County	Port Hueneme	Operating Without A Permit - Diesel Engine	
021332	MGR Design	Oxnard	Operating Without A Permit - Consumption Of ROC Materials	
021391	City of Santa Paula Public Works	Santa Paula	Operating Without A Permit - Portable Engines	
021445	K.O. Davis Tree Service	Ventura	Operating Without A Permit - Tree Chipper	
021446	Arco Facility #03077	Ventura	CARB Title 17 Defect-PHII - V.R. System Testing Failure	
021480	Paulmers Custom Collision	Camarillo	Operating Without A Permit - Painting Operations	
021577	Community Memorial Hospital	Ventura	Failure To Source Test - 2 Boilers	
021578	Crest Energy Incorporated	Fillmore	Failure To Submit Annual Report - Operator	

			Management Plan
021618	Alliance One	Oxnard	Failure To Test By Anniversary Date - PHI/II Testing
021620	Robert's Finishing, Inc.	Ventura	Exceeding ROC Limit - Wood Products Coatings
021674	Pacific Expert Tree Service	Canoga Park	Operating Without A Permit - Portable Engine
021676	The Termo Company	Santa Paula	Operating Without A Permit - C.O.S.T Tank
021702	Ojai Valley Inn & Spa	Ojai	Permit Condition Not Met - Exceed Consumption Limit
021703	Vintage Production California	Santa Paula	Improper Vapor Recovery System - Vapor Recovery
	LLC		System
021704	Vintage Production California	Santa Paula	Improper Storage Of Crude Oil - Well Cellar
	LLC		
021705	Mark Crane's Tree Services	Ojai	Operating Without A Permit - Engine
021706	Oscar Tree Service	Ojai	
021707	Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A.,	Port Hueneme	Excess visible emission-Smoking ship
	Inc.		
021708	Rusty's Tree Care	Ventura	
021709	Mowbray's Tree Service Inc.	San Bernardino	Operating Without A Permit - Engines
021710	Diamond Street Sweepers	Santa Paula	Operating Without A Permit - Portable Engine



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Recent Board Actions

Permit Fees (Rule 42 – Revised): On April 10, 2007, the Air Pollution Control Board held a public hearing and adopted revisions to Rule 42. This includes a 12.5 percent increase in permit renewal fee rates effective July 1, 2007. For permit holders paying the minimum fee, adoption of this proposal will result in a fee increase of \$52.50 per year.

District operations are funded by state and federal grants, automobile registration fees, and fees charged to sources of air pollution. The APCD receives no property tax revenue or general fund revenue. The fee increase is necessary to offset rising expenses and to maintain APCD reserve fund at a level of four to six months of operating expenses. Six staff positions were eliminated in 2006 to minimize rising expenses. The final rule and final staff report are available at vcapcd.org/ rules_division.htm. For additional information contact **Don Price** at **805/645-1407** or don@vcapcd.org.

New Source Review – Definitions; Biosolids Processing Facilities (Rule 26.1 – Revised.): On November 14, 2006, the Air Pollution Control Board held a public hearing and adopted revisions to Rule 26.1. The revision added "publicly owned biosolids processing facility" to the definition of "essential public service" (EPS). Biosolids processing is related to sewage treatment, which is already considered an essential public service. Although related, biosolids processing may not always occur at a sewage treatment facility. After approval of a June, 2006, voter initiative in Kern County to prohibit the land application of biosolids, it is possible that the construction of one or more biosolids processing facilities in Ventura County will be required. In addition to the above, definitions for "biosolids" and "biosolids production facility" were added to Rule 26.1. For additional information, contact Don Price at 805/645-1407 or don@vcapcd.org.

Public Workshop

District Indemnification (Rule 15.2 – New): On May 8, 2007, the District will conduct a workshop to discuss new draft Rule 15.2. On various occasions, the Ventura Air Pollution Control District has been the subject of claims or litigation from third parties regarding permitting activities. In order to guard against these actions, staff proposes new Rule 15.2. The rule will establish that permittees agree to hold the District harmless against certain actions involving their Permit to Operate. For additional information, contact **Don Price** at **805/645-1407** or don@vcapcd.org.

Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration (Rules 250 and 48 – New): On June 5, 2007, the District will conduct a workshop to discuss new draft Rule 250, Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration, and accompanying Rule 48, Agricultural Engine Registration Fee. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is preparing to implement new requirements for diesel engines used in agricultural operations. The new requirements will apply to nearly <u>all</u> diesel engines used to power irrigation pumps. It will <u>not</u> apply to diesel engines used to power farm equipment like trucks and tractors.

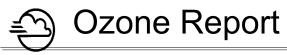
The ARB rule requires a diesel engine registration program, with a deadline for registration of March 1, 2008. The District is developing Rules 250 and 48 to implement this requirement. Draft rules are being prepared and will be available before the workshop; the drafts will appear under Rule Development on the District's website (http://www.vcapcd.org/rules_division.htm). For additional information, contact **Don Price** at **805/645-1407** or don@vcapcd.org.

Fugitive Dust (Rule 55 – New): On February 26, 2007, the District held a workshop on proposed new Rule 55, which would regulate fugitive dust emissions from construction operations, bulk material handling operations, off-field agricultural operations and truck-out onto paved roadways. For additional information, contact **Stan Cowen** at **805/645-1408** or stan@vcapcd.org.

Compliance Dates

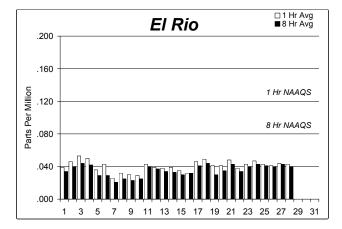
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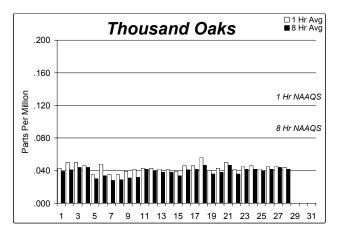
Wood Products Coatings (Rule 74.30): All reactive organic compound (ROC) solvents used for surface preparation and cleanup in commercial wood products manufacturing must meet a limit of 25 grams of ROC per liter of solvent. Water, acetone, and other low-ROC solvents are available for compliance with this requirement. For additional information, contact **Don Price** at **805/645-1407** or don@vcapcd.org.

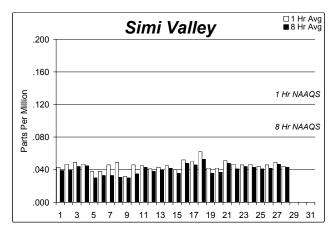


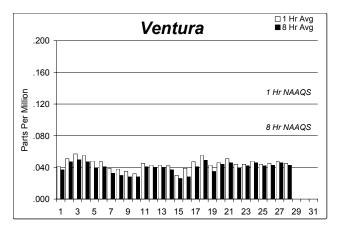
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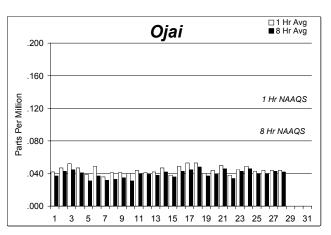
There were no exceedances of the Federal 1 Hour standard, the Federal 8 Hour standard, the California 1 Hour standard or the California 8 Hour standard in February. The maximum 8 hour average was .053 at Simi Valley; the maximum 1 hour average was .062 at Simi Valley.

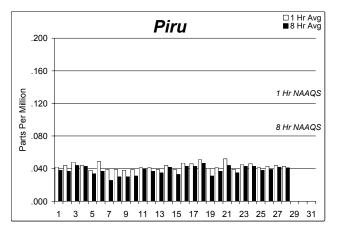












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