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Monthly Report of the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District 

Lawn mower program re-energized

MAY 2008

For 2008, the program undergoes yet another makeover

By Stan Cowen

The APCD lawn mower trade-in program has been re-energized since the District received a \$50,000 grant from the California Air Resources Board (ARB) for the program. The District has had a trade-in program since 1999 when 219 gasoline mowers were retired for deals on electric ones at the Home & Garden Show in Ventura. Since then, hundreds of dirty mowers have been replaced by electric mowers.

This new funding originates from state enforcement penalties when Toyota issued a recall on vehicle smog controls back in 2001. As a result, the rebates have been increased from \$150 to \$200 for battery cordless electric mowers and from \$50 to \$129 for plug-in electric mowers. Moreover, the two vendors in the program, Lowe's and Country Home Products, have further discounted their electric mowers to provide even more mower for your money. After rebates, Country Home Product's Neuton Cordless now sells for \$89, including free delivery.

Lowe's has discounted their Black & Decker Cordless



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which sells for \$179 plus tax after rebate. For a limited time until May 3, 2008, Lowe's is also offering a rebate of a \$40 gift card with purchase of the Black & Decker cordless, and a \$25 gift card on the Black & Decker plug-in electric mower. Besides the price, the big difference between these two cordless models is the cutting path, which is 14 inches for the Neuton and 19 inches for the Black & Decker.

Given the soaring price of gasoline, the advantages of an electric lawn mower are greater than ever before. The electric mower improves air quality (a gasoline mower operating for one hour puts out as much emissions as 40 new cars driven for one hour)

and our health from breathing gasoline vapors and mower exhaust. The mowers are easy to operate and produce much less noise than gasoline mowers.

The District's program works a little differently than other air districts, such as the South Coast AQMD. You may have seen an insert in your Southern California Edison electricity bill this spring advertising the South Coast program. But that is

**WE ALL KNOW HYBRID
VEHICLES ARE GOOD FOR
AIR QUALITY, BUT DID
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE
1917 Woods?**

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APCD Calendar

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

May 11, 2008

Board Chambers
Administration Building
800 South Victoria Avenue Ven-
tura

APCD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fourth Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., as
needed
Large Conference Room
669 County Square Drive Ventura

CLEAN AIR FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Third Tuesday, 4:30 p.m., as
needed
Large Conference Room
669 County Square Drive Ventura

APCD HEARING BOARD

Mondays, 5:30 p.m., as needed
Board Chambers
Administration Building
800 South Victoria Avenue Ven-
tura

SOUTH CENTRAL COAST BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL

July 16, 2008

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Santa Barbara

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APCD RULE WORK- SHOPS

See Rule Update section.

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not our program. Our trade-in program is an ongoing promotion, which means you can participate at your convenience. All you have to do is recycle your old gasoline mower at either Standard Industries in Ventura or Oxnard Metal in Oxnard. Get a receipt for your old mower, which you take in person, mail, fax, or scan and email to APCD to get your voucher. The voucher is worth a huge discount on an electric mower. The South Coast AQMD and other air districts typically hold weekend events at different locations in their area, where mowers are exchanged and paid for.

In the Ventura County, once you have recycled your old mower, you can do the rest of the transaction in the comfort of your own home if you opt for the Neuton mower.

Otherwise, you will go to one of the Lowe's stores in Ventura or Simi Valley. If you go to Lowe's, remember to purchase the mower at the Customer Service counter, and make sure that they give you the discounted price (printed on the voucher). If they scan the mower's bar code, the retail price will come up. That's the price that people pay who are not participating in the trade-in program.

**Go electric.
You will be
glad you did!**

This trade-in program has been ongoing since October 2006, and so far, we have crushed and recycled about 180 lawn mowers. By having an ongoing program, we are able to run the program cost-effectively without the need for manning weekend events, not to mention the logistics and overtime hours required. We even have a lawn mower hot line. Yes, it's me - *Stan the Lawn Mower Man*, and my number is 805/ 645-1408. One of the great things about this program is that it provides an opportunity for Ventura County residents to do something positive for the environment, for themselves, and for their wallet. So forget the high cost and hassle of operating a gasoline mower, and go electric; you will be glad you did.

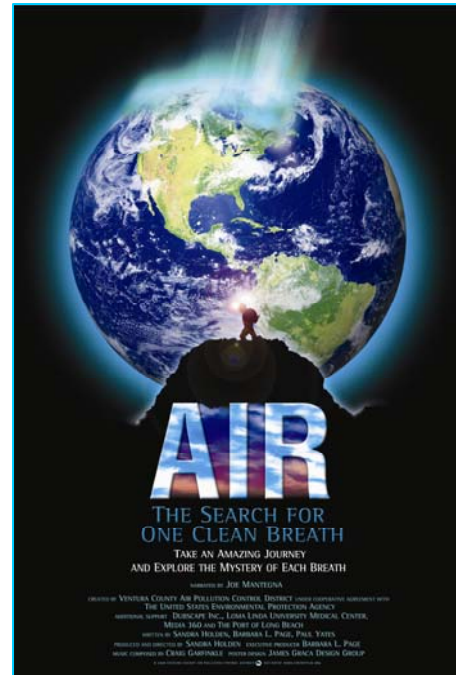
AirLines

Draft AQMP available for review. The Final Draft 2007 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) presents Ventura County's strategy for attaining the federal 8-hour ozone standard as required by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. It also presents the District's Triennial Assessment and Plan Update required by the California Clean Air Act of 1988. The final draft 2007 AQMP is substantially the same as the draft 2007 AQMP but now contains an attainment demonstration showing that the county will attain the federal 8-hour ozone standard by June 15, 2013, the deadline for serious 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas.

The 2007 AQMP also contains several other elements, including: a revised Reasonable Further Progress demonstration, an updated Motor Vehicle Conformity Budget for transportation conformity purposes, revised emission inventory and emission forecasts, and a revised local control strategy containing several new and "further study" emission control measures.

The 2007 AQMP and associated Negative Declaration are available on the District's website at <http://www.vcapcd.org>, and at the APCD office, located at 669 County Square Drive, 2nd Floor, Ventura, California, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the 2007 AQMP Negative Declaration are also available by calling the District at (805) 645-1400. Call that same number for information on submitting comments. The APCD Board will consider adopting the 2007 AQMP and Negative Declaration during its regular board hearing:

May 13, 2008, 11:00 a.m.
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
Hall of Administration
Ventura County Government Center
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California



Movie Poster completed. The poster for the film *Air – the search for one clean breath* is now finished. The artwork was created by **Jim Graca** and is a movie poster standard size – big! If anyone would like a copy of the poster, contact public information manager **Barbara L. Page** at **645-1415**. There was a sneak preview of the film at the U.S. EPA's **Air Now** Conference in Portland on April 8.

Earth Day happenings. District staff was out and about the county this past month doing many environmental events. According to public information manager Barbara L. Page, "This is our busiest time of year for outreach events. April is Earth Day month, and we have many requests for participation in events throughout the county." We were at the **Simi Valley Earth Day** at Town Center Mall, and the **Interactive Fair & Career Expo** at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. The public information division also distributed materials on air quality to many other county companies and organizations for their Earth Day celebrations.



on climate change

The California Air Resources Board takes the lead – again.

On March 27, the Air Resources Board voted to triple the amount of zero emission vehicles that staff had proposed for automakers to produce from 2012 through 2014, while directing staff to look at overhauling the program to account for climate change benefits.

Staff had proposed to require 2,500 pure zero emission vehicles, which the Board increased to 7,500. Automakers can produce fewer ZEVs, 5,357, if they are long-range fuel cell vehicles or they can opt to satisfy the requirement by manufacturing 12,500 battery electric vehicles with a range of 100 miles.

The Board maintained a second component of the vehicle emissions reduction program that allows the automakers flexibility in their alternative fuel programs by requiring an additional 66,000 plug-in hybrids during that same period. If the automakers produce

25,000 ZEVs, there are no remaining plug-in hybrid requirements.

Additionally, ARB Chairman Mary Nichols directed staff to overhaul the ZEV program for 2015 vehicles to synch up with other Board tailpipe emission programs such as the Pavley regulations addressing greenhouse gas emissions and the low emissions vehicle program.

“Today’s decision will lead to more green auto choices for consumers now while keeping the pressure on the automotive engineers to continue fine tuning the technologies that will yield an all electric-drive vehicle fleet for California in the near future,” Nichols said. “We must continue to push for all types of technologies - - fuel cells, electric vehicles, and hydrogen powered cars - - as we fight our dual battles against smog and global warming.”

(source: ARB news release, 3/27/08)

Look who’s a hybrid!



(photo: Don Price)

This 1917 Woods Dual Power ran on gas and electricity. Built in Chicago, Illinois, the Woods Dual Power featured a four-cylinder engine, coupled to an electric motor-generator, which could be operated separately or together. But, unlike the hybrids of today, the Woods was heavy, slow, expensive to buy, and difficult to operate. Due to these complications, it wasn’t a commercial success and the model was produced only in 1917 and 1918. The one pictured here is in the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.



Engineering Update

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Permit Activities MARCH 2008			
Authorities to Construct	Month	Permits to Operate	Month
Permits Requested	8	Permits Requested	27
Permits Issued	6	Permits Issued	23
Applications Under Review	30	Applications Under Review	104
Sources Holding Permits	67	Sources Holding Permits	1441
Average Turnaround Time	5.1 Weeks	Average Turnaround Time	10.4 Weeks

Authority to Construct Applications Received MARCH 2008			
Permit	Facility	City	Project Description
00041-998	Aera Energy LLC	Ventura	Tank Replacement Project
01006-380	Naval Base Ventura County	Port Hueneme	Replace Emergency Engine - B2

Authorities to Construct Issued MARCH 2008			
Permit	Facility	City	Project Description
00053-240	Vintage Production California	Santa Paula	Drill New Richardson Wells
00053-250	Vintage Production California	Santa Paula	Drill New Culbert Wells
00997-380	Naval Base Ventura County	Point Mugu	Replacement Crane Diesel Engine
07915-150	Pleasant Valley Field	Oxnard	New Wells and Tanks
07971-100	Chevron Service Station #7692	Ventura	Install Vapor Extraction System
07976-100	Arbors Building No. B	Thousand Oaks	Install HVAC Boiler
07977-100	Arbors Building No. D	Thousand Oaks	Install HVAC Boiler

Permit to Operate Applications Received MARCH 2008			
Permit	Facility	City	Project Description
00008-541	Vintage Production California LLC	Ventura	Rule 74.16 Cost Exemption
00013-281	Mandalay Generating Station	Oxnard	Part 70 Reissuance (No. 2)
00041-1001	Aera Energy LLC	Ventura	Rule 74.16 Exemption - 995 Revised
00061-171	Southern California Gas Co.	Ventura	Part 70 Reissuance Application
00065-231	Ormond Beach Gen. Station	Oxnard	Part 70 Reissuance (No. 2)
00214-171	E.F. Oxnard LLC	Oxnard	Part 70 Reissuance
00264-221	Bluestar Silicones USA Corporation	Ventura	Increase Material Consumption Limit
00997-381	Naval Base Ventura County	Point Mugu	Replacement Crane Diesel Engine
01207-411	Naval Base Ventura County	San Nicolas Island	Existing Portable Gasoline Engine
01395-241	Simi Valley Landfill	Simi Valley	Increase LFG Consumption Limits
01412-122	Republic Fastener Mfg.	Newbury Park	Increase Consumption & Replace Oxidizer
05477-121	H.D.O.C. #106	Ventura	Phase II EVR with ISD
05485-131	Arco Facility #06192	Camarillo	Phase II EVR with ISD
05526-161	Shell Camarillo	Camarillo	Phase II EVR with ISD
05691-141	Telegraph Chevron	Ventura	Phase II EVR with ISD
05700-141	MacLand Investments Chevron	Ventura	Phase II EVR with ISD
06274-141	Leisure Village Association	Camarillo	Increase Gasoline Throughput
06408-131	El Rio Vineyard Shell & Foodmart	Oxnard	Phase II EVR with ISD
06430-121	Arco Facility #06390	Oxnard	Phase II EVR with ISD
07218-151	Grimes Rock Inc.	Fillmore	Operate Additional Equipment
07417-121	Applied Powdercoat, Inc.	Oxnard	Operate New Spray Booth
07432-141	Catalytic Solutions, Inc.	Oxnard	Modify Annual Production Limits
07453-111	Peach Hill Soils, Inc.	Moorpark	Existing Diesel Engine
07795-T01	JT Shutter and Cabinet Finishing	Newbury Park	Transfer of Ownership - JTS
07933-101	USA Gasoline #81 (VES)	Ventura	Vapor Extraction System
07986-101	American Soil Amendment Products	Simi Valley	Existing Engine and Screening Plant
07987-101	Captured Images, Inc.	Newbury Park	Existing Graphic Arts Operations

Permits to Operate Issued MARCH 2008			
Permit	Facility	City	Project Description
00041-1001	Aera Energy LLC	Ventura	Rule 74.16 Exemption - 995 Revised
00041-995	Aera Energy LLC	Ventura	Rule 74.16 Exemption - 12 Wells
00396-281	Venoco, Inc. - West Montalvo	Oxnard	Operate Heater Treater
01422-161	Ventura Co. Fleet Services	Ventura County	Modify Portable Engine Hours Limit
05127-121	Moorpark College	Moorpark	Increase Gasoline Throughput Limit
05435-141	Arco Facility #09614	Thousand Oaks	Phase II EVR with ISD
05464-151	Alliance	Simi Valley	Phase II EVR with ISD
05477-121	H.D.O.C. #106	Ventura	Phase II EVR with ISD
05492-141	Arco Facility #01695	Thousand Oaks	Phase II EVR and ISD
05526-161	Shell Camarillo	Camarillo	Phase II EVR with ISD
05665-131	Arco Facility #03077	Ventura	Phase II EVR and ISD
05691-141	Telegraph Chevron	Ventura	Phase II EVR with ISD
06408-131	El Rio Vineyard Shell Foodmart	Oxnard	Phase II EVR with ISD
06413-151	Costco Wholesale Corp. #128	Simi Valley	Increase Gasoline Throughput
07333-121	Production Tool Specialties	Ventura County	Additional Portable Oil Heater
07464-111	California Lutheran University	Thousand Oaks	Install Diesel Particulate Filter
07660-121	El Rio Co. GC-515	Oxnard	Modify Emergency Engine Permit
07773-101	Ojai Coffee Roasting Co.	Ojai	Existing Coffee Roaster
07805-101	Avica, Inc.	Simi Valley	Existing Manufacturing Operations
07910-101	Regional Occupational Program	Camarillo	Existing Auto Spray Booths
07915-161	Pleasant Valley Field	Oxnard	Rule 74.16 Exemption Request
07926-101	Coast Cities Cremations	Ventura	Operate New Crematory
07981-101	Peterson-Chase Construction	Ventura County	Portable Abrasive Blasting

ERC Balances by Company (Units – Tons per Year) As of April 8, 2008					
Company Name	ROC	NOx	PM ₁₀	SOx	Limitation
Aera Energy LLC	0.02	0.49	0.45	0.04	No
Aera Energy LLC	234.92	11.41	1.24	0.40	Yes
Amgen, Inc.	0.00	5.15	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
C. D. Lyon	0.70	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
Costco Wholesale Corporation	9.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	Yes
Dos Cuadras Offshore Resources	0.00	0.19	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	2.58	0.14	3.90	0.04	No
Naval Base Ventura County	0.28	5.90	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	0.02	0.00	0.00	No
Seneca Resources Corporation	0.35	0.14	0.00	0.00	Yes

ERC Balances by Company (Units – Tons per Year) As of September 13, 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	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	No
Solar World Industries American LP	1.06	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	0.44	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	7.37	0.05	0.00	No
Venoco, Inc.	12.88	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 (www.vcapcd.org). If you have any questions, please contact Kerby E. Zozula of the Engineering Division at 805/645-1421.



Enforcement Update

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Enforcement Activities MARCH 2008					
Inspections	Month	F/Y	Violations	Month	F/Y
Permit/Other Inspections	248	2048	Notices of Violation Issued	14	139
Complaints Received and Investigated	14	132	Cases Settled after Office Conference	19	153
Breakdowns Received and Investigated	7	83			
Asbestos Inspections	8	71			
New Business	19	47	Settlement/Fines	\$50,944.20	\$257,190.20

***NOTE:** Year-end totals include corrections for previous months.

Sources Operating Under Variance MARCH 2008					
No.	Facility/Location	Source	Rule	End Date	Status
800 Short Variance	Johanson Technology, Inc.	Catalytic Thermal Oxidizer	29.C, Permit Condition	4/13/08	On Schedule

Sources Operating Under Stipulated Conditional Order of Abatement MARCH 2008					
No.	Facility/Location	Source	Rule	End Date	Status
794	Stir Crazy Coffee	Coffee Roaster	51 H&SC 41700	None	Ceased operating

Notices of Violation Issued MARCH 2008				
NOV No.	Facility	City	Violation	NOV Date
021595	Crest Energy, Inc.	Fillmore	Failure To Submit Annual Report - Operator Management Plan	3/13/2008
021596	Ecology Control Industries	Ventura County	Inadequate Recordkeeping - Boiler Tune-up Report	3/13/2008
021597	Vintage Production California LLC	Simi Valley	Permit Condition Not Met - Engines	3/19/2008
021598	Teledyne Imaging Sensors	Camarillo	Failure To Meet Boiler Emissions - Boilers	3/31/2008
021634	White Line Sweepers	Oxnard	Operating Without A Permit - Engines	3/6/2008
021635	7-Eleven #33159	Oxnard	CARB Title 17 Defect-PHI/II - V.R. System Testing Failure	3/11/2008
021636	Oxnard Vineyard Chevron	Oxnard	CARB Title 17 Defect-PHI/II - V.R. System Testing Failure	3/26/2008
021725	Ventura Beach Marriott	Ventura	Permit Condition Not Met - Exceeding Gas Usage	3/11/2008
021771	Pacific Rock, Inc.	Camarillo	Exceeding Particulate Matter - Portable Engines	3/4/2008
021772	Pacific Rock, Inc.	Camarillo	Exceeding Particulate Matter - Portable Engine	3/4/2008
021773	California Well Services, LLC	Ventura	Operating Without A Permit - Engine	3/24/2008
021826	Campus Plaza Shell	Moorpark	CARB Title 17 Defect-PHI/II - V.R. System Testing Failure	3/25/2008
021908	Arco AM/PM #06516	Piru	V.R. Testing Failure - Static Testing	3/4/2008
021952	V.C. Watershed Protection District	Port Hueneme	Operating Without A Permit – Engines	3/11/2008



Rule Development Update

Visit www.vcapcd.org/rules_division.htm

Recent Board Actions

Permit Fees (Rule 42 – Revised): On April 8, 2008, the Air Pollution Control Board adopted revisions to Rule 42. The revisions include an 8 percent increase in permit renewal fee rates, effective July 1, 2008. For permit holders paying the minimum fee, this revision will result in a fee increase of no more than \$38.00 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 funds at a level of four to six months of operating expenses. For additional information contact **Don Price** at **805/645-1407** or don@vcapcd.org.

Soil Decontamination Operations (Rule 74.29, Rule 44, and Rule 23 – Revised): On April 8, 2008, the Board adopted revisions to Rule 74.29. The revisions expand the rule to include requirements for the excavation, transportation, and handling of contaminated soil. These changes are required because, under the provisions of Health and Safety Code section 40914(b)(2), staff is required to demonstrate that the District's plan to attain the California ambient ozone standard provides for expeditious implementation of "every feasible measure" to reduce ozone precursor emissions (including reactive organic compounds, or ROC). In addition, rule language was clarified and definitions were added and changed.

Due to the deletion of an exemption from Rule 74.29, Rule 23.F.23 was revised and Rule 44.B.4 was deleted. The final rules and final staff report appear on the District website. For additional information, contact **Don Price** at **805/645-1407** or don@vcapcd.org.

Surface Coating of Metal Parts and Products (Rule 74.12 – Revised): On April 8, 2008, the Board adopted revisions to Rule 74.12. The revisions include a lower ROC limit for general air-dry one-component coatings (2.3 lb/gal) and a new multi-component coating category at 2.8 lb/gal. Also, a special category for lab furniture coatings was deleted. In addition, a requirement to use low-emission cleanup solvents for spray gun and general purpose cleanup was adopted. ROC content is limited to no more than 25 grams per

liter (g/l), or 0.21 lb/gal. The effective date for these revisions is 90 days after adoption by the Air Pollution Control Board, or July 8, 2008.

The revisions will reduce actual ROC emissions by approximately 19 percent, or 6.64 tons per year (tpy). About 36 percent of the emission reduction (2.40 tpy) results from the change in coating requirements. The remaining 64 percent (4.24 tpy) results from the proposed 25 g/l threshold for cleaning solvents.

The final rule and final staff report appear on the District website noted above. For additional information, contact **Don Price** at **805/645-1407** or don@vcapcd.org.

Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration (Rules 250 and 48 – New): On September 11, 2007, the Air Pollution Control Board adopted new Rule 250, Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration, and accompanying new Rule 48, Agricultural Engine Registration Fees. The rules will implement new California Air Resources Board (ARB) requirements for diesel engines used in agricultural operations. The new requirements apply to nearly all diesel engines used to power irrigation, booster and well-lift pumps. They do not apply to diesel engines used to propel farm equipment such as trucks and tractors.

The rules implement an ARB requirement that local air districts to establish an agricultural diesel engine registration program, with a deadline for registration of March 1, 2008. The final rules appear on the District's website noted above. Registration forms are now available on the District's website under "Forms." For additional information, contact **Don Price** at **805/645-1407** or don@vcapcd.org.

Air Pollution Control Board

Fugitive Dust (Rule 55 – New): On May 13, 2008, the Board will hold a public hearing to consider proposed new Rule 55, which will regulate fugitive dust emissions from construction operations, bulk material handling operations, off-field agricultural operations and track-out onto paved roadways.

A final environmental impact report (FEIR) has been completed and is available on the District website. The FEIR was reviewed for compliance

with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the Ventura County Environmental Report Review Committee (ERRC) on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. ERRC recommended certification of the FEIR by the Air Pollution Control Board. For additional information, contact **Stan Cowen** at **805/645-1408** or stan@vcapcd.org.

Public Workshops

Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations (Rule 74.18- revised): On April 29, 2008, the District will hold a public workshop on proposed amendments to Rule 74.18. The workshop is an opportunity for affected businesses, especially auto body shops and vehicle refinishing shops, to comment on the proposed rule amendments, which are based on the Suggested Control Measure (SCM) adopted by the California Air Resources Board on October 20, 2005.

As a non-attainment area for both federal and state ozone air quality standards, Ventura County is required to adopt all feasible measures, such as the SCM, to reduce reactive organic compound emissions. The draft staff report and draft amended rule are available on the District website. For additional information, contact **Stan Cowen** at **805/645-1408** or stan@vcapcd.org.

District Indemnification (Rule 15.2 – New): On May 8, 2007, the District held a workshop on proposed new Rule 15.2. It is possible for the District to be the subject of claims or litigation from third parties regarding permitting activities. In order to guard against district legal expenses for 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 Permits to Operate. The draft rule appears on the District website noted above. For additional information, contact **Don Price** at **805/645-1407** or don@vcapcd.org.

Compliance Dates

☑ **March 1, 2008**

Registration of Agricultural Engines (Rule 250): The California Air Resources Board (ARB) recently finalized new regulations for diesel engines used in agricultural operations. In general, these regulations apply to nearly all diesel engines used to power irrigation pumps; however, they will not apply to diesel engines used to power farm equipment such as trucks and tractors. The new regulations have both administrative requirements and emission control requirements. An ARB fact sheet is available to provide additional information and details on these new requirements.

To implement the state agricultural diesel engine regulations, the District adopted Rule 250, "Registration of Agricultural Engines" on September 11, 2007. The rule establishes a diesel engine registration program with a deadline of March 1, 2008. The registration program is not a permitting program, but requires application forms and fees similar to a permitting program. The fees are significantly less than permitting fees and are specified in Rule 48. Both rules appear on the District website noted above.

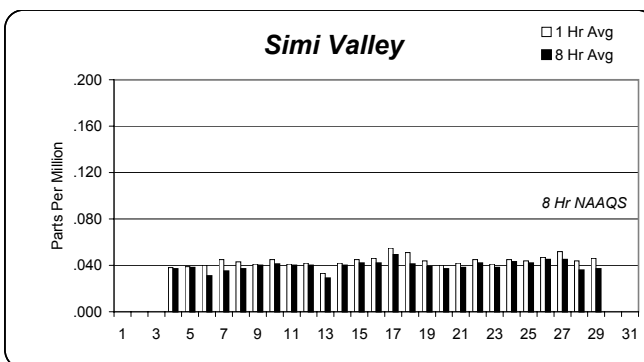
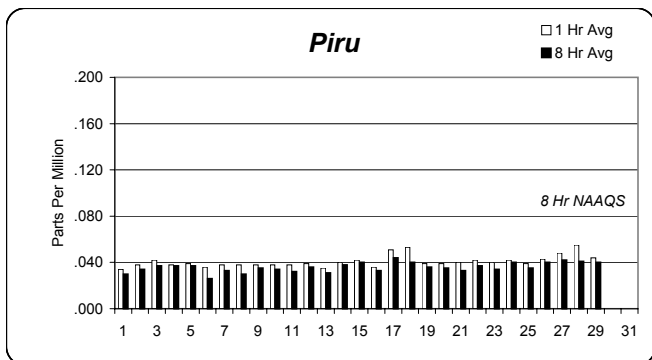
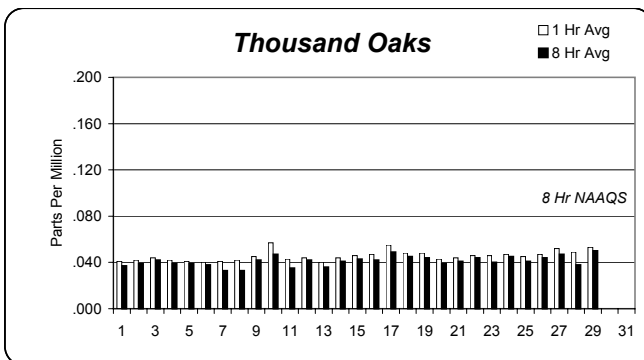
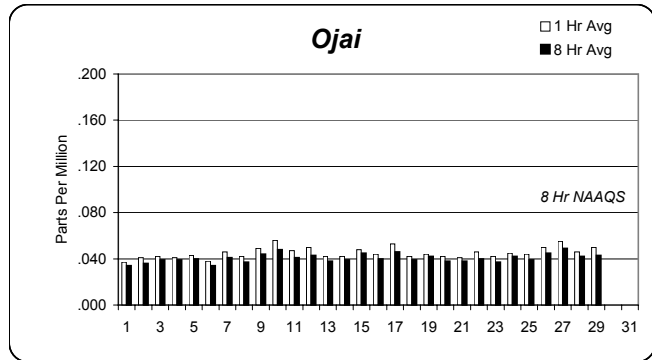
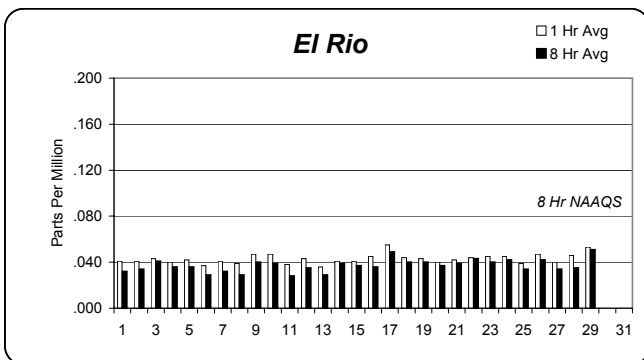
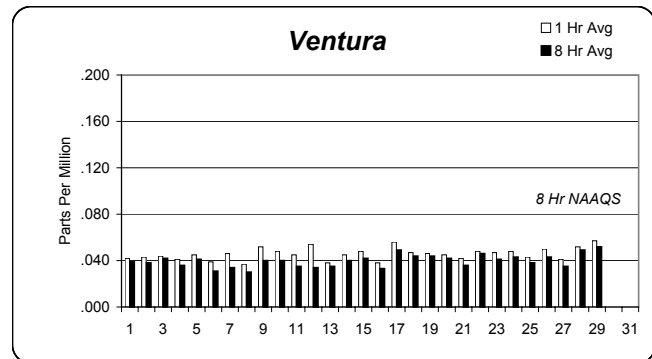
For questions on the registration program, please contact **Kerby Zozula** at **805/645-1421** or kerby@vcapcd.org. Grant money may be available from the District to replace older diesel engines with newer, compliant diesel engines, natural gas engines or electric motors. For information on District grant programs, please contact **Chris Frank** at **805/645-1409** or chrisf@vcapcd.org.



Ozone Report

FEBRUARY 2008

There were no exceedances of the Federal 8 Hour standard, the California 1 Hour standard, or of the California 8 Hour standard in February. The maximum 1 hour average was .057 at Ventura and Thousand Oaks; the maximum 8 hour average was .052 at Ventura.



PPM AIR QUALITY STANDARD

- .07 CALIFORNIA 8 HR AVG CLEAN AIR STANDARD
- .08 NATIONAL 8 HR AVG CLEAN AIR STANDARD
- .09 CALIFORNIA 1 HR AVG CLEAN AIR STANDARD
- .15 CALIFORNIA 1 HR AVG HEALTH ADVISORY
Avoid prolonged vigorous outdoor exercise.
Sensitive individuals avoid all outdoor activity.