

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

RULE 250 - REGISTRATION OF AGRICULTURAL DIESEL ENGINES

(Adopted 5/16/2007)

A. Applicability

Effective July 25, 2007, this rule applies to diesel engines used in agricultural operations, specifically to stationary and portable diesel engines rated at 50 brake horsepower or greater.

B. Requirements

1. The owner or operator of an applicable engine shall register the engine with the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution District by January 1, 2008 or within 90 days of initial installation for those engines installed after July 25, 2007. Engines initially installed between January 1, 2005 and July 25, 2007 shall register by October 31, 2007.
2. To register an engine, an owner or operator shall submit a completed registration form, any additional information requested by the Air Pollution Control Officer, and the registration fee specified in Rule 302.
3. The owner or operator of an applicable engine shall notify the District in writing no later than 14 days after any change of owner or operator, any change in location, or the installation or commencement of an emissions control strategy.
4. The owner or operator of an applicable engine shall pay the fees specified in Rule 302, Schedule of Fees upon application and annually thereafter. Until March 1, 2008, the initial yearly registration fee shall cover the time period from application to March 1, 2009. Annual registration fees thereafter shall cover the period from March 1st to the last day of February in the following year.

C. Registration Renewal

Registration shall be renewed annually by paying the applicable fee found in Rule 302 and by updating the registration information that has changed since the last renewal. The registration shall be considered invalid if the renewal fees are not received prior to March 1st of each applicable year and if the registration holder has been given a 30-day notice of delinquent fees.

D. Exemption

The provisions of this rule shall not apply to the following equipment:

1. Agricultural wind machines.
2. Motor vehicles, as defined in the California Vehicle Code, Division 1, section 415.

3. Engines registered in the State Portable Equipment Registration Program that are not used as a stationary agricultural diesel engine.

E. Definitions

1. "Agricultural Operations": The growing and harvesting of crops or the raising of fowl or animals for the primary purpose of making a profit, providing a livelihood, or conducting agricultural research or instruction by an educational institution. Agricultural operations do not include activities involving the processing or distribution of crops or fowl.
2. "Agricultural Wind Machine": A stationary diesel engine-powered fan used exclusively in agricultural operations to provide protection to crops during cold weather by mixing warmer atmospheric air with the colder air surrounding a crop.
3. "Date of Initial Installation": The date on which an applicable engine is placed into service at a location in order to be operated for the first time since delivery from the manufacturer, distributor, or other source.
4. "Diesel Engine": A compression ignition engine fueled by five (5) percent or more of either diesel fuel, CARB diesel fuel, or jet fuel.
5. "Owner or Operator": an individual, trust, firm, joint stock company, business concern, partnership, limited liability company, association, or corporation including, but not limited to, a government corporation.
6. "Rated Brake Horsepower (bhp)": the published rated brake horsepower from any one of the following sources:
 - a. The manufacturer's sales and service literature;
 - b. The nameplate of the engine; or
 - c. If applicable, as shown in the application for certification of the engine.For an engine installed on or after July 25, 2007, the source must reflect the engine's configuration on the date of initial installation. For other engines, the source must reflect the engine's configuration as of July 25, 2007.
7. "Seasonal Agricultural Operation ": an Agricultural operation that remains in a single location for two years or more and that operates at that single location at least three months each year.
8. "Stationary Agricultural Diesel Engine" means a diesel engine used in agricultural operations that can perform its operation at one location, or remains in one location. An engine is stationary if any of the following are true:
 - a. The engine is attached to a foundation, or if not so attached, resides at the same agricultural operation for more than 12 consecutive months. A backup, standby or replacement engine, that replaces an engine at an agricultural operation and is intended to perform the same or similar

function as the engine being replaced, shall be included in calculating the consecutive time period. The cumulative time of all engines, including the time between the removal of the original engine and installation of the replacement engine, shall be counted toward the consecutive time determination; or

- b. The engine is not attached to a foundation but is located at a seasonal agricultural operation for less than 12 consecutive months. The engine or its replacement must operate during the full annual operating period of the seasonal operation; or
- c. The engine is moved from one location to another in an attempt to circumvent the 12 month residence time requirement in section E.8.a above. The period during which the engine is maintained at a storage facility shall be excluded from the time determination.
- d. The engine is, or is designed to be carried or moved and serves the same primary function at a single agricultural operation as defined by the definition of “Building, Structure or Facility” found in District Rule 105.

F. South Central Coast Air Basin Reciprocity

An engine registered with the Santa Barbara or Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts will be considered registered with the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (SLOAPCD) if all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. The District where the engine is registered has equivalent registration requirements as SLOAPCD.
- 2. The registration fee at the District where the engine is registered is within 15% of the SLOAPCD fee.
- 3. The District where the engine is registered also allows engines registered in SLOAPCD to be considered registered in their District.

Registrations for engines operating under the exception for “Remotely-located Agricultural Engines” as defined in Section 93115 of the California Health and Safety Code are not valid for use at multiple locations unless written approval is obtained from the Air Pollution Control Officer in the county where the engine is proposed to be relocated; this includes relocation within the county where the engine is registered.