



AG ENGINE ADVISORY

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REPLACEMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ENGINES

Who: Owners/operators of non EPA certified (Tier 0) non-road diesel engines over 50 horsepower used in an agricultural operation.

What: State law requires Tier 0 engines to be removed from service by December 31, 2010 or December 31, 2011 (depending on hp). Tier 0 engines registered with the District will have either a purple or red sticker with a 2010 or 2011 expiration date.

Why: In response to requests from the agricultural community, on December 8, 2010 the District's governing Board approved amendments to District Rule 11.3 for Agricultural Engine Registrations to provide relief for engines used on a limited basis.

When: For registered Tier 0 engines with a December 31, 2010 expiration date, you must apply for relief prior to using the engine in 2011. For a very limited time, you may register Tier 0, 1 or 2 engines that have not been registered up to this point. The deadline for registering these engines is March 8, 2011.

Eligibility Criteria: To qualify for relief, the engine must meet both of the following:

- "Resident engine" - an engine which is registered with the District prior to March 8, 2011.
- "Remote engine" - an engine which is located more than ½ mile from a residential area, school, or hospital when operated.

Relief Options:

Low-use: Engine is limited to a maximum of 200 hours/year and cumulative total hour limit of 2,400 hrs. There is no sunset date (only the 2,400 hr total limit).

Intermittent-use: Engine has no annual limit but has a 2,000 hour cumulative total limit (once the 2,000 hrs have been used, the engine must be permanently retired). Intermittent use registrations for Tier 0 engines will expire 12/31/2020 (regardless of the hours being utilized or not).

Requirements: Owners/operators must apply to modify their registration, pay the applicable fees, have a functioning hour meter, maintain quarterly records of actual use, and submit annual records of actual use.

Application forms: Can be obtained by contacting the District or can accessed on the District website at: <http://www.ysaqmd.org/permits-forms-apps.php>.

Use Form AG5 to modify existing registrations to Low, Intermittent, or Emergency use. Use forms AG1 to AG4 as applicable to register a resident engine for the first time.

Fees: The fee to modify an existing registration is \$174. If a registration expired on December 31, 2010, the registration was not included on the recent annual invoice. For such registrations, the \$87 annual fee for calendar year 2011 will also need to be paid.

Questions: Contact Jon Gildersleeve at (530) 757-3659 or at: jgildersleeve@ysaqmd.org if you have questions or need additional information on the Ag Engine Registration program.