



Portable Equipment Registration Program Advisory

Attention owners/operators of qualifying portable equipment:

Effective September 1, 2005, significant revisions were made to the State Equipment Registration Program (PERP)

Portable engines which were not eligible prior to the regulation revisions may now be eligible as "resident" engines if they resided in California between July 1, 2003 and July 1, 2004 or have a current local air district Permit to Operate or a district registration. To register a "resident" engine, you will need to submit a Form 1, Form 1-A, a Form 2 for each engine and the Form 2-A, "Proof of Residency," along with documentation showing that the engine meets the residency requirements. These may be maintenance or inventory records. Forms are available from the Air Resources Board web page at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/perp/newforms.htm>.

What is the Statewide Registration Program?

The Statewide Registration Program (Program) establishes a uniform program to regulate portable engines and portable engine-driven equipment units. Once registered in the Program, engines and equipment units can operate throughout the State of California without the need to get individual permits from local air districts. Districts are pre-empted from permitting, registering, or regulating portable engines and portable equipment units registered with the Air Resources Board (ARB).

Who is eligible to register?

Owners and operators of portable engines and portable equipment units that meet the definitions and requirements of the Program are eligible for registration. A portable engine is an internal combustion engine which is designed and capable of being carried or moved from one location to another and does not remain at a single location for more than 12 consecutive months. Engines used to propel mobile equipment or a motor vehicle of any kind are not eligible for registration. A portable equipment unit is a portable piece of engine-driven equipment that is associated with, and driven solely by, a portable engine and emits pollutants over and above the emissions of the portable engine.

Portable engines include, but are not limited to, internal combustion engines used in the following:

cranes, power generation, pumps, diesel pile-driving hammers, welding, service or work-over rigs, well drilling, dredges on boats or barges, wood chippers, and compressors.

Portable equipment units include, but are not limited to, the following portable engine-associated units:

confined and unconfined abrasive blasting operations, concrete batch plants, sand and gravel screening, rock crushing and pavement crushing and recycling operations and tub grinders and trommel screens.

What are the requirements for portable engines?

Engines can meet PERP eligibility requirements three ways:

- a "certified" engine. A certified engine is one which has been tested by U.S. EPA or ARB and meets the federal off-road engine emission standards. Certified engines will have an emissions information label showing an "engine family name." This engine family name must be provided to ARB as part of the application.

- until December 31, 2005, a "resident" engine. A resident engine is one which was located in California during the period of July 1, 2003 and July 1 2004. Applicants must provide documentation showing the engine met the residency requirements.

- a "controlled" engine. A controlled engine is one which meets the spark-ignition engine standards in Table I of the PERP regulation, an engine retrofitted with a Clean Cam technology kit, or an engine which is equipped with a selective catalytic reduction system. Applicants must submit to ARB documentation showing the control efficiency and controlled emission factors for the technology employed.

Program Enforcement!

Th Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District has the primary responsibility for the enforcement of the Statewide Program. Additionally, the District receives any required notifications when PERP equipment is operated within the District. It is the District's intent through this advisory to inform owner/operators of portable equipment of the revisions in the Program and the December 31, 2005 deadline for applications.

Currently, a Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued to any non-registered portable equipment found operating within the District. Anyone issued an NOV is required to pay a penalty and the equipment is prohibited from further operation until it is Registered.. Until the recent revisions to the Program, "resident" engines that did not meet the most stringent standards were no longer eligible for registration. "Resident" engines that were previously ineligible must have an application submitted to the ARB prior to December 31, 2005. After this date, non-registered "resident" engines will be prohibited from operation, subject to the issuance of an NOV with penalties and MUST be replaced by a new certified engine which meets the most stringent emissions standards.