

**RULE 12. REGISTRATION OF SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT**  
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(a) **APPLICABILITY**

- (1) This rule applies to the following emission units:
  - (i) Existing internal combustion emergency standby engines.
  - (ii) Existing stationary internal combustion engines rated at 200 brake horsepower or less which operate less than 200 hours per calendar year.
  - (iii) Asphalt roofing kettles and asphalt roofing day tankers.
- (2) This rule does not mandate the registration of any emission unit listed in Subsection (a)(1).
- (3) Any emission unit registered under this rule shall be exempt from the requirements of Rule 10 – Permits Required and from the requirements of New Source Review Rules 20.1 through 20.8, inclusive.
- (4) Registration under this rule or under District Rule 12.1 (Portable Equipment Registration), or by the California Air Resources Board pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 41752, may be used in lieu of permitting. Any emission unit registered under this rule shall be precluded from simultaneously obtaining a Permit to Operate.
- (5) Except as provided in Subsection (a)(3), compliance with this rule shall not exempt any emission unit specified in Subsection (a)(1) from meeting all other applicable requirements of these Rules and Regulations.

(b) **RESERVED**

(c) **DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "**California Diesel Fuel**" means any fuel that is commonly or commercially known, sold or represented as diesel fuel No. 1-D or No. 2-D, and which meets the requirements specified in Sections 2281 and 2282 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (2) "**Certificate of Compliance**" means a statement in a specified format which is completed by an applicant, and which contains prohibitory rules and conditions of operation applicable to the operation of a registered emission unit.

(3) **"Certificate of Registration" or "Certificate"** means a written document issued by the Air Pollution Control Officer, granting authority to operate an emission unit in lieu of a Permit to Operate.

(4) **"Emergency Situation"** means any one of the following:

(i) An unforeseen electrical power failure from the serving utility or on-site electrical transmission equipment.

(ii) An unforeseen flood or fire or a life-threatening situation.

(iii) Operation of emergency generators for Federal Aviation Administration licensed airports for the purpose of providing power in anticipation of a power failure due to severe storm activity.

An emergency situation shall not include operation for purposes of supplying power for distribution to an electrical grid, operation for training purposes, or other foreseeable events.

(5) **"Emergency Standby Engine"** means an engine used exclusively in emergency situations to drive an electrical generator, an air compressor or a water pump, except for operations up to 52 hours per calendar year for non-emergency purposes.

(6) **"Emission Unit"** means the same as defined in Rule 2.

(7) **"Existing Engine"** means an engine which commenced operation in San Diego County on or before November 15, 2000. Engines used to replace an existing engine pursuant to Rule 11 Subsection (d)(5) do not qualify as existing engines.

(8) **"Portable Emission Unit"** means an emission unit that is designed to be and capable of being carried or moved from one location to another. Indicia of portability include, but are not limited to, wheels, skids, carrying handles, dolly, trailer or platform. For the purposes of this rule, dredge engines on a boat or barge are considered portable. An emission unit is not portable if any of the following apply:

(i) The unit, or its replacement, is attached to a foundation or, if not so attached, will reside at the same location for more than 12-consecutive months. Any portable emission unit such as a backup or standby unit that replaces a portable emission unit at a location and is intended to perform the same function as the unit being replaced will be included in calculating the consecutive time period. In that case, the cumulative time of all units, including the time between the removal of the original unit(s) and installation of the replacement unit(s), will be counted toward the consecutive time period; or

(ii) The emission unit remains or will reside at a location for less than 12-consecutive months if the unit is located at a seasonal source and operates during the full annual operating period of the seasonal source. A seasonal source is a stationary source that remains in a single location on a permanent basis (i.e., at least two years) and operates at that single location at least three months each year, or

(iii) The emission unit is moved from one location to another in an attempt to circumvent the portable emission unit residence time requirements.

Days when a portable emission unit is stored in a designated holding or storage area shall not be counted towards the above time limits, provided the emission unit was not operated on that calendar day except for maintenance and was in the designated holding or storage area the entire calendar day.

(9) **"Registered Emission Unit"** means an emission unit that has a valid Certificate of Registration.

(10) **"Registration"** means the process of obtaining a Certificate of Registration for an emission unit. Registration is the same as "permit" as used in Division 26 of the California Health and Safety Code, Part 3, Chapter 8 and Part 4, Chapter 4, Articles 2 and 4, respectively entitled Hearing Boards, Variances, and Orders of Abatement. The Air Pollution Control Officer and the Hearing Board shall have the same authority concerning registration as with permits, and the owner or operator of registered equipment shall be entitled to the same privileges and rights granted to a permittee.

(11) **"Rental Emission Unit"** means an emission unit temporarily rented or leased to operators other than the owner(s) of the unit.

(12) **"Stationary Source" or "Source"** means the same as defined in Rule 2.

(13) **"Stationary Internal Combustion Engine"** means a spark or compression ignited, reciprocating internal combustion engine which is not a portable emission unit.

(d) **REQUIREMENTS**

Emission units registered under this rule shall comply with these rules and regulations and the following requirements, as applicable:

(1) An internal combustion emergency standby engine shall be operated only during emergency situations and for not more than 52 hours per calendar year for non-emergency purposes. Operation for testing or maintenance purposes may be allowed for not more than 100 hours per calendar year with written authorization from the Air Pollution Control Officer, provided that an owner or operator demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Air Pollution Control Officer that such additional operation is necessary.

(2) An engine operating on diesel fuel shall use only California Diesel Fuel.

(3) An engine shall have a non-resettable hour or fuel meter installed that measures elapsed operating time or fuel usage, respectively.

(4) An owner or operator of an engine shall conduct periodic maintenance of the engine as recommended by the engine manufacturer or as specified by any other maintenance procedures approved in writing by the Air Pollution Control Officer. The periodic maintenance shall be conducted at least once each calendar year.

(5) An asphalt roofing kettle or asphalt day tanker shall have an identification tag or serial number stamped, welded or engraved in a visible, accessible location on the kettle or tanker; shall not be operated above 525°F (274°C) and shall be equipped with a functional temperature gauge, temperature control thermostat, and a lid which shall be closed at all times when the unit is operating except for loading asphalt.

(e) **REGISTRATION OF EMISSION UNITS**

(1) **Application for Certificate of Registration**

To apply for a Certificate of Registration, an owner or operator shall submit to the District, a completed Permit/Registration application form, a Certificate of Compliance, and any additional information determined by the Air Pollution Control Officer as necessary to demonstrate eligibility for registration. The applicable fees specified in Rule 40 shall also be paid. No application for registration shall be considered received unless accompanied by a Certificate of Compliance and the appropriate fees. A separate application is required for each emission unit.

(2) **Action on Applications**

(i) The Air Pollution Control Officer shall inform the applicant in writing, within 30 days of receipt of an application for registration, if the application is complete or incomplete. If incomplete, the written notice shall specify the additional information necessary to complete the application. When the additional information is received and the application is determined complete, the applicant shall be so notified.

(ii) An application for registration shall be canceled if additional information necessary to complete the application is not furnished within 90 days of such request, or if the Air Pollution Control Officer determines that the emission unit is not eligible to be registered under this rule.

(iii) An application for registration shall be withdrawn if the applicant requests such action in writing to the Air Pollution Control Officer. An application that is withdrawn by the applicant shall subsequently be canceled.

(iv) An application for registration shall be denied if the Air Pollution Control Officer finds that the emission unit will not comply with the applicable requirements of Section (d) of this rule, or other applicable District Rules and Regulations.

(v) The Air Pollution Control Officer shall issue a Certificate of Registration within a maximum of 90 days after an application for registration is deemed complete if the emission unit meets all applicable requirements of Section (d) of this rule.

(vi) Notice of any action taken shall be deemed to have been given when written notification has been delivered to the applicant or the applicant's representative.

**(3) Conditions on Certificate of Registration**

The Air Pollution Control Officer may issue a Certificate subject to temporary or permanent conditions which ensure compliance with these Rules and Regulations and applicable state laws and regulations. Operating a registered emission unit constitutes acceptance of all conditions specified on the Certificate.

**(4) Maintenance of Certificate of Registration**

An owner or operator whose emission unit has been issued a Certificate shall:

- (i) Comply with all conditions listed on the Certificate;
- (ii) Renew the Certificate annually pursuant to Subsection (f)(1) of this rule;
- (iii) Maintain records, as applicable, in accordance with the requirements of Section (g) of this rule;
- (iv) Display the current Certificate or a copy of the current Certificate in a clearly visible and accessible place within 25 feet of the emission unit. If the unit is so constructed or operated that the Certificate cannot be so placed, it shall be kept on the premises and be made readily available to the District at all times; and
- (v) Not willfully deface, alter, forge, counterfeit or falsify any Certificate issued under this rule.

**(f) ADMINISTRATION OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

**(1) Renewal of Certificate of Registration**

- (i) Current Certificate of Registration

Any person who holds a valid Certificate and who desires to maintain the Certificate after the expiration date shall, prior to the expiration date, pay the applicable renewal and processing fees specified in Rule 40. Any Certificate not reinstated within six months of the expiration date will be retired.

(ii) Expired Certificate of Registration

An expired Certificate may be reinstated within the first six months following the expiration date by paying the applicable renewal and processing fees and the appropriate late fees specified in Rule 40.

(2) **Change of Status for Certificate of Registration**

(i) Conversion to Inactive Status

Any person who holds a valid Certificate and chooses not to operate the emission unit, may apply to the Air Pollution Control Officer for a revised Certificate indicating the unit is to be registered in an inactive status. The application shall be accompanied by the applicable application and renewal fees specified in Rule 40. Operation of an emission unit registered in an inactive status shall constitute a violation of Subsection (e)(4)(i) of this rule. Any portable emission unit registered in an inactive status shall be stored at a fixed address provided to the Air Pollution Control Officer. All Certificates for emission units in inactive status shall be renewed annually.

(ii) Removal of Inactive Status

Any person who holds a valid Certificate for an emission unit in an inactive status and chooses to operate the unit shall first apply for and obtain a revised Certificate indicating the unit is now in an active status. The application shall be accompanied by the applicable application and renewal fees specified in Rule 40.

(3) **Change of Location**

Any person who holds a valid Certificate and who desires to change the location of the registered emission unit shall first apply for and obtain a revised Certificate from the Air Pollution Control Officer. The application shall be accompanied by the applicable application and processing fees specified in Rule 40. This provision shall not apply to any change of location within a stationary source or any change of location for a portable emission unit.

(4) **Transfer of Ownership**

The ownership of a valid Certificate may be transferred by applying for and obtaining a revised Certificate from the Air Pollution Control Officer. The application shall include a completed Permit/Registration application form and a Certificate of Compliance. Such application shall be deemed a temporary Certificate if accompanied by the applicable application fees specified in Rule 40. The temporary Certificate shall be subject to all the terms and conditions of the current Certificate and shall expire upon receipt of a revised Certificate. An application for transfer of ownership shall not be deemed a temporary Certificate if the emission unit is in an inactive status. A new application shall be required if the emission unit has been modified.

(g) **RECORD KEEPING**

The owner or operator of a registered emission unit shall maintain the applicable records listed below. The records shall be retained on-site for at least three years and be made available to the District upon request.

- (1) An owner or operator of an engine shall maintain the following records:
  - (i) An operating log, which at a minimum, includes the following:
    - (A) records of periodic engine maintenance including dates maintenance was performed; and
    - (B) total cumulative hours of operation per calendar year, based on actual readings of the engine hour or fuel meter; and
    - (C) dates and times of emergency standby engine operation, if applicable. Each entry shall indicate whether the operation was for non-emergency purposes or during an emergency situation and the nature of the emergency, if available. Individual date and time of engine operation records are not required if total operations for any purpose, including emergency situations, do not exceed 52 hours in a calendar year; and
  - (ii) California Diesel Fuel certifications, if fueled with diesel fuel; and
  - (iii) A manual of recommended maintenance procedures as provided by the engine manufacturer, or other maintenance procedures as approved in writing by the Air Pollution Control Officer.
- (2) An owner or operator of any emission unit specified in Subsection (a)(1) which is operated as a rental emission unit shall maintain the following records, as applicable:
  - (i) The owner of a rental emission unit shall provide the operator with a copy of the Certificate and the recordkeeping requirements specified in Subsection (g)(1) as part of the emission unit rental agreement. The owner shall maintain written acknowledgment by the operator of receiving the above information.
  - (ii) During the duration of a rental agreement or contract, the operator of a rental emission unit shall be responsible for compliance with the recordkeeping requirements of this rule and the terms and conditions on the Certificate applicable to operation of the unit. The operator shall furnish the records specified in Subsection (g)(1), to the owner of the rental emission unit upon return of the unit.