



COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN
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District Rule 4702 – Conditionally Certified Exhaust Control Systems

In order to comply with the requirements of District Rule 4702 (Internal Combustion Engines – Phase II), many agricultural operations in the Valley have installed exhaust control systems, which have been conditionally certified by the District for installation and operation on agricultural spark-ignited engines. These conditionally certified exhaust control systems continue to undergo testing by the District to ensure that they are able to achieve the emission reductions required by the rule and the applicable conditional certification.

The purpose of this bulletin is to address concerns that operators have expressed regarding the potential for enforcement action should the operation of an engine with a conditionally certified exhaust control system experience periods of excess emissions. Provided that the following conditions are met, the District will not take enforcement action at this time for emission exceedances from individual engine units equipped with a conditionally certified exhaust control system.

Conditions:

- The operator installed the exhaust control system to comply with the requirements of Rule 4702; and
- The exhaust control system was installed in accordance with the conditional certification requirements, any applicable Authority to Construct (ATC) or Permit Exempt Equipment Registration (PEER) conditions, and the manufacturer's guidelines; and
- The exhaust control system has been maintained in accordance with the conditional certification requirements, any applicable ATC, PEER, or Permit to Operate (PTO) conditions, and the manufacturer's guidelines; and
- The exhaust control system has been and continues to be operated in accordance with the conditional certification requirements, any applicable ATC, PEER, or PTO conditions, and the manufacturer's guidelines.

This enforcement discretion does not extend to any other District rule or any ATC, PEER, or PTO conditions applicable to the subject engine units. Should you have questions regarding this advisory, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mike Oldershaw by telephone at (661) 392-5500 or by email at mike.oldershaw@valleyair.org.