



COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN
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Portable Equipment

Due to recent changes at the California Air Resources Board (ARB), it is important to inform portable equipment owners of both ARB's Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) and the Air District's Portable Registration Program.

The changes at the ARB allow a resident certified Tier 1 and Tier 2 engine to be registered with the PERP as long as the engine owner can prove that the engine was in California and operating between March 1, 2004 and October 1, 2006.

In the past, equipment owners seeking to include their engine in the PERP could not register any engine unless it met the current "Tier" standards. This new policy allows older engines to register up to December 31, 2009. More info about ARB and PERP can be found at www.arb.ca.gov/engine.

PERP is a statewide program to register portable equipment. Portable equipment registered in PERP may operate throughout the state without obtaining permits or registration from any of California's 35 air quality management or air pollution control districts. For the SJVAPCD, portable equipment must either be registered with ARB, or registered with the District, or have a District permit to operate legally.

Under certain situations, the District will register engines that cannot be registered through PERP. These engines are "non-certified" engines also known as "Tier 0." To obtain registration with the District for Tier 0 engines, applications need to be submitted to the District, and the engines must undergo modifications to bring them close to Tier I emission levels. The applicant will have to pay back registration fees, and will be subject to a Notice of Violation (NOV).

Why a NOV and back fees?

Because operation of this equipment without a permit or registration is a violation of District Rule 2010, we must issue a NOV to the operator, as we have done in similar situations in the past. In addition, continued operation without a permit or registration is a daily violation. The back fees would amount to the sum of fees that would have been paid, had the engine been registered when it first operated within the District.

For more information, visit the District's website at www.valleyair.org.