



**COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN**  
**August 2014**

***Hour Limitations for Internal Combustion Engines at Agricultural Sources***

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) is making a concerted effort to identify potential compliance issues that may arise as a result of the historic weather conditions facing California and the San Joaquin Valley. As a result, the District has identified the potential for farmers to need more operating hours for their agricultural diesel and natural gas-fired engines than are currently allowed for by Permits to Operate (PTO), Authorities to Construct (ATC) or Permit Exempt Equipment Registrations (PEERs).

Please review your District issued PTOs, ATCs or PEERs, paying close attention to any condition that limits the number of hours of operation. If, after review, you feel that you cannot comply with the limit, please completely fill out and send us the accompanying form. The form asks for information about all of your engines and the planned usage for the year (even ones that you do not feel are likely to exceed the hour limits). Based on this information, the District will custom tailor multiple options for you to choose from based on your specific circumstances and needs.

Once you have completed and returned the form, District Staff will contact you within 10 business days to discuss your possible options. Please note that the conditions on your PTOs, ATCs, and PEERs remain enforceable unless modified, and that some of these options will require you to submit permit applications to modify the conditions on your existing PTOs, ATCs or PEERs. To ensure compliance with conditions on the PTOs, ATCs and PEERs, it is very important that the information be submitted as quickly as possible.

If you need assistance filling out the form or have any questions, please call one of these District **Small Business Assistance (SBA)** hotlines for assistance with any questions regarding this Compliance Assistance Bulletin:

**Modesto Office: (209) 557-6446**  
**Fresno Office: (559) 230-5888**  
**Bakersfield Office: (661) 392-5665**

The District's Governing Board, in recognition of the severe potential air quality and economic impacts of the drought, adopted a series of measures to assist farmers with emergency drought relief efforts. For additional information on these measures, please visit the following link:

<http://valleyair.org/busind/pto/drought-relief-actions.htm>

Please also visit the District's website at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) for additional information about the District. Thank you.

# San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Agricultural Engine Hour Limits Adjustment

Please list all engines at your facility, regardless of whether or not you wish to increase their hours. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

*This information will be used develop individual compliance options.*

<b>PTO/ATC/ PEER Number</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Maximum Hours of Proposed Use in 2014</b>
C-2538-1-0	<i>Cummins (Example)</i>	6,000
C-2014-PEER-1-0	<i>Caterpillar (Example)</i>	0

Contact Information:

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