



**COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN**

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***Agricultural Operations with Permitted Equipment***

Agricultural operators who receive Air District permits are reminded to review and ensure that their agricultural operations are in compliance with permit requirements. Such permits are required for operational stationary equipment where the total emissions from the dairy/farm reach or exceed 12.5 tons per year of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) or volatile organic compounds (VOC). Air District permits should not be confused with Conservation Management Practice (CMP) plans, which have different thresholds.

- **Please read each equipment description listed to ensure that it is accurate.** For dairies, the number of cows identified in the equipment description must accurately reflect the as-built design capacity of the operation. For dairies/farms with permitted pump engines or emergency electrical generators, the make, model and horsepower must be correctly identified. Notify the District immediately if any discrepancies are found on the permit.
- **Please read each permit condition carefully.** Contact the District right away if you need staff to clarify a requirement or if you feel you may be unable to comply with a condition. Failure to comply with permit conditions is a violation of District rules.
- **Dairies/Farms subject to permit requirements must also obtain Authority to Construct (ATC) permits prior to building, installing or modifying air pollution sources.** To ensure that equipment complies with air pollution control requirements, an ATC should be obtained prior to ordering any equipment or contracting for modifications. For dairies, examples where ATCs are required include, but are not limited to: building or expanding cow housing or shades; building, expanding, or modifying liquid or manure handling systems (e.g. lagoon, solids separators, etc); or building or modifying a milking center. For permitted dairies/farms, ATCs are required prior to adding or modifying any pump or generator engine rated over 50 horsepower. Staff is available to help determine whether an ATC is required and to guide you through the application process.
- **Please make sure you have all the permits required.** Dairies required to have Air District permits need to make sure that the emergency electrical generator at the milking parlor also has a permit if the diesel engine powering it is over 50 horsepower.

Permitted operations are subject to periodic District inspections. In order to conduct an inspection, a District inspector will contact a responsible official at the time of, or prior to, arrival at your facility.

The Small Business Assistance Office may be contacted at the nearest regional office:

Modesto Office 209-557-6446

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