

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

2006 AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATION FOR THE STATEWIDE PORTABLE EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Sections Affected: Adoption of amendments to title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR), article 5, sections 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, and 2465, which establish the Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program.

Background

The Statewide Regulation establishes a uniform program to register portable engines and equipment units in California. Once registered in this voluntary program, owners and operators of portable engines and equipment units, such as portable aggregate crushing and screening plants, can operate throughout the State without having to obtain permits from individual air pollution control and air quality management districts (districts). Currently, PERP has about 20,700 portable engines, 2,250 associated equipment units, and another 4,700 pieces of military tactical support equipment (TSE) registered in the program.

The Statewide Regulation was approved by the Board on March 27, 1997, and became effective on September 17, 1997. The Board also approved amendments to the Statewide Regulation on December 11, 1998, and February 26, 2004. At the February 2004 meeting, the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) raised a number of concerns related to the enforceability of the Statewide Regulation. The Board directed staff to work with CAPCOA and affected industry to resolve the concerns. ARB staff, in consultation with CAPCOA and affected industries, developed proposed amendments to the Statewide Regulation.

Staff proposed in this rulemaking to address and make changes to the district inspection fees, recordkeeping and reporting requirements, and notification requirements. For most of the portable equipment in the program, staff proposed to increase the district inspection fees from \$75 to \$115 per year for engines and from \$75 per year to a maximum of \$192 per year for equipment units. Separate fee increases were proposed for TSE. The proposed amendments also require owner/operators to identify a home district where the equipment resides most of the time; mount a placard on the registered portable equipment that identifies it as registered; install an hour-meter or equivalent device to track use; keep onsite records to track operation or process throughput; and submit an annual report summarizing equipment use throughout the year. The proposed amendments also require districts to submit an annual report summarizing the district inspections.

COMPARABLE FEDERAL REGULATIONS

There are no comparable federal regulations.