

Compliance

PORTABLE ENGINES AND EQUIPMENT

FACT SHEET



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FOR SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT INFORMATION

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- ❖ If you want to seek an agreement with Sacramento Metro AQMD, contact Mr. **Dave Grose** at (916) 874-4800.
- ❖ If you want to seek an agreement with Yolo Solano AQMD, contact Mr. **Dave Smith** at (530) 757-3650.

PERP PROGRAM INFORMATION

Information regarding the Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program and Application Forms can be obtained by calling (916) 324-5869, via e-mail at portable@arb.ca.gov, or from the California Air Resources Board's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/perp/perp.htm>

PORTABLE EQUIPMENT PERMITTING AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- If you own or operate a portable engine 50 horsepower or greater, you must have a Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD) permit or you must register the engine, in the Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) administered by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), to legally operate in California. Associated equipment must also be permitted or registered.
- Any portable equipment that has a State PERP registration may operate throughout the State in any of the 35 air districts without having to obtain a permit from each district.
- Engines meeting current emission standards may be PERP registered.
- For a limited time, owners and operators of older engines, certified to a less stringent emission standard (Tier 1 and 2), may register in PERP. The engines must have resided in California between March 1, 2004, and October 1, 2006. This opportunity to register will end on December 31, 2009, and the earlier an application is submitted the less it costs.
- Uncertified engines that do not meet any emission standards (i.e. "Tier 0" engines) are no longer eligible to register in PERP. However, Sacramento Regional Compliance agreements are available which allow operation of these engines until January 1, 2010 (more information is on back).
- Any engine found in Placer County without a permit or registration is subject to enforcement and penalties.
- If the lack of a permit or registration "in-hand" is discovered by the PCAPCD, the District will take enforcement action for the discovered violation(s), including the assessment of a monetary penalty. The PCAPCD may allow continued operation of the equipment and elect to not take enforcement action for the further operation of the equipment pursuant to a compliance agreement reached between the Operator and the PCAPCD.
- A State Airborne Toxic Control Measure requires all Tier 0 engines to be replaced by January 1, 2010.
- Ancillary equipment that emits pollutants to the air, exceeding 2 pounds per day, should also be registered under PERP or permitted by the PCAPCD.
- PCAPCD recommends obtaining a PERP registration in lieu of a PCAPCD permit unless the portable equipment will remain in Placer County at a single location for 12 continuous months or more.

SACRAMENTO REGION TIER 0 PORTABLE ENGINE COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS

- The Placer County Air Pollution Control District and four other Sacramento region air districts (Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District, and Feather River Air Quality Management District) have worked together to establish a Tier 0 Portable Regional Compliance Agreement (RCA) that allows Tier 0 portable engine owners/operators to have one agreement allowing operation throughout the Sacramento region until January 1, 2010.
- As of June 8, 2007, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), by which the program for the Tier 0 engine RCA is established, has been signed by Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD (Sacramento County), Placer County APCD (Placer County), and Yolo-Solano AQMD (Yolo County and portions of Solano County) making the current RCA effective for those areas. When El Dorado County APCD and/or Feather River AQMD sign the MOU the Sacramento RCA will become effective in those jurisdictions as well.
- The RCA allows operation of the Tier 0 portable engines for the longest period possible for companies operating throughout the Sacramento region, easing the State's attempt to transition to newer and cleaner engines that can be registered with the State. By January 1, 2010, however, all Tier 0 engines must be removed from service in California.
- Tier 0 portable engines are required to meet the same general operating conditions that are required of Tier 0 engines that have been registered by the State. Associated equipment must be registered in the Statewide PERP program.
- Only non-rental Tier 0 engines that were "resident" in California between March 4, 2004 and October 1, 2006 are eligible for the Regional Compliance Agreement.
- The payment of a penalty is required to obtain a RCA. The penalties seek to remove any financial benefit for not having permitted or registered Tier 0 engines earlier, and further encourage the phase-out of Tier 0 engines.
- The RCA penalty is separate from, and in addition to, any enforcement penalty that is assessed because of the discovery of un-permitted and un-registered engines by District inspectors. There will be no enforcement penalty for Tier 0 engines disclosed for the purpose of obtaining a RCA.
- Each company having Tier 0 engines and wishing to operate until January 1, 2010, may enter into an agreement with any one of the regional air districts or the "Home" district (the district in which the engine resides). If a company is from outside the Sacramento region, then you may enter into the RCA with any of the participating air districts.
- Companies who have already obtained a Compliance Agreement for a Tier 0 portable engine with PCAPCD will have the opportunity to either:
 1. Operate their Tier 0 engine in Placer County and de-commission or remove the engine from California service by January 1, 2009, pursuant to the existing agreement with PCAPCD.
 2. Obtain a RCA, in which case the PCAPCD is willing to credit the penalties paid in a previous agreement for an engine towards the new RCA.

Definition of Tiers 0, 1, & 2

❖ A "Tier 0 Engine" means a non-road engine that is not certified to any emission standard.

❖ A "Tier 1 Engine" means a certified non-road engine for the horsepower and year of manufacture as follows:

≥50 bhp and <100 bhp;	1998 through 2003
≥100 bhp and <175 bhp;	1997 through 2002
≥175 bhp and <300 bhp;	1996 through 2002
≥300 bhp and <600 bhp;	1996 through 2000
≥600 bhp and ≤750 bhp;	1996 through 2001
>750 bhp;	2000 through 2005

❖ A "Tier 2 Engine" means a certified non-road engine for the horsepower and year of manufacture as follows:

>50bhp and <100 bhp;	2004 through 2007
>100 bhp and <175 bhp;	2003 through 2006
>175 bhp and <300 bhp;	2003 through 2005
>300 bhp and <600 bhp;	2001 through 2005
>600 bhp and <750 bhp;	2002 through 2005
>750 bhp;	2006 through 2010