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11-17-100 GENERAL

11-17-101 Description: The purpose of this rule is to reduce public exposure to air toxics from stationary compression ignition (diesel) engines used in agricultural operations within the District. This rule is adopted pursuant to Section 39666 of the California Health and Safety Code, to implement the provisions of the Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines adopted by the California Air Resources Board (Sections 93115 through 93115.15, Title 17, of the California Code of Regulations) that apply to stationary diesel engines used in agricultural operations, effective October 18, 2007. In addition, this rule provides an exemption for very low-use stationary agricultural diesel engines, and an alternate compliance schedule for low-use stationary agricultural diesel engines.

11-17-102 Applicability: This rule applies to any person who owns or operates any stationary compression ignition (diesel) engine used in agricultural operations with greater than 50 brake horsepower within the District.

11-17-103 Exemption, Very Low-Use Stationary Agricultural Diesel Engines: A stationary diesel engine used in agricultural operations that operates less than 20 hours per year, and is located more than 200 meters from residential areas, schools, and health facilities is exempt from 11-17-301.

11-17-104 Limited Exemption, Low-Use Stationary Agricultural Diesel Engines: The owner or operator of a stationary diesel engine used in agricultural operations may apply for an Alternate Compliance Plan schedule, as provided in Section 11-17-402, if the engine complies with the provisions of Section 11-17-302. If the Alternate Compliance Plan is approved, the engine is exempt from Section 11-17-301 and the ATCM, Section 93115.8 (b) until the alternate compliance date specified in Section 11-17-302.

11-17-200 DEFINITIONS

11-17-201 Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Program: The registration program established by the District for agricultural diesel engines as required by the ATCM, Section 93115.8 (c).

11-17-202 Agricultural Operation: For the purposes of this regulation, and to be consistent with Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 93115 et. seq., an agricultural operation is the growing and harvesting of crops, or the raising of fowl, animals or bees as a gainful occupation.

- 11-17-203 Certified Engine:** A compression ignition (diesel) engine that is certified to meet the Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, or Tier 4 Off-Road Compression Ignition Certification Standards as specified in Title 13, California Code of Regulations, section 2423. Any engine not certified to meet these standards is defined as a Tier 0 engine.
- 11-17-204 Extreme Frost Season:** Any year when more than 100 hours of frost protection have been required, and the County Agricultural Commissioner declares an “Extreme Frost Season” using the procedure specified in Section 11-17-404.
- 11-17-205 Frost Protection Season:** October 1st – May 15th of each year.
- 11-17-206 Health Facility:** Any facility that is operated for the diagnosis, care, prevention, and treatment of human illness including convalescence and rehabilitation, and including care during and after pregnancy, as defined in Section 1250 of California Health and Safety Code.
- 11-17-207 Registered Agricultural Equipment:** Diesel engines registered with the District under the Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Program.
- 11-17-208 Residential Area:** Three or more permanent residences located anywhere outside of the agricultural facility’s property.
- 11-17-209 School or School Grounds:** Any public or private school used for the purpose of the education of more than twelve (12) students. School or school grounds include any buildings or structures, playground, athletic field or other areas of school property but do not include unimproved or closed school properties.
- 11-17-210 Stationary Agricultural Diesel Engine:** Any compression ignition (diesel) engine used in an agricultural operation that is designed to stay in one location, or remains in one location. An engine is stationary if it meets any of the three requirements set in ATCM 93115.4 (a) (72) (A), (B), or (C).
- 11-17-300 STANDARDS**
- 11-17-301 Compliance Requirements:** Stationary agricultural diesel engines shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines adopted by the California Air Resources Board (Section 93115 through 93115.15, Title 17, of the California Code of Regulations), effective October 18, 2007.
- 11-17-302 Requirements – Alternate Compliance Plan:** Stationary agricultural diesel engines approved for an Alternate Compliance Plan shall meet the following requirements:
- 302.1 The engine must be used exclusively for an agricultural operation.
 - 302.2 The engine must be equipped with a non-resettable hour meter.
 - 302.3 The engine must be registered in the District’s Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Program.
 - 302.4 The engine must be located more than 200 meters from a residential area, school or health facility; or if any engine is located 200 meters or less from a residential area, school or health facility, the engine must have a Health Risk Screening Analysis as determined by methodologies specified in Regulation

2, Rule 5, Section 402, and approved by the District documenting health risk is less than 1 in a million.

- 302.5 Engine use must not exceed 100 hours per year, except that engine use may increase to 200 hours per year when the County Agricultural Commissioner declares an Extreme Frost Season that meets the requirements in Section 11-17-404.
- 302.6 Total annual use hours shall be reported as part of annual Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration renewal.
- 302.7 Tier 0 engines shall be removed from service by December 31, 2020.
- 302.8 Tier 1 engines shall be removed from service by December 31, 2020.
- 302.9 Tier 2 engines shall be removed from service by December 31, 2025.
- 302.10 Each Tier 0, Tier 1, or Tier 2 engine shall be replaced with a certified Tier 4 engine or the highest tier (lowest emissions) engine available for purchase at the time of replacement.

11-17-400 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

11-17-401 Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Program: The owner or operator of a stationary agricultural diesel engine must register the engine in the District's Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Program, and renew registration annually. Any person registering a stationary agricultural diesel engine shall pay fees required as set forth in Regulation 3.

11-17-402 Requirements for Alternate Compliance Plan Approval: The APCO may grant an Alternate Compliance Plan for owners and operators of stationary agricultural diesel engines that meet the following conditions:

- 402.1 All requests for an Alternate Compliance Plan must be submitted to the District in writing by June 30, 2011.
- 402.2 Each owner or operator must certify that the engine meets all the requirements set forth in 11-17-302.
- 402.3 Request for Alternate Compliance Plan must be approved in writing by the APCO.

11-17-403 Disqualification from Exemption or Alternate Compliance Plan Status: Any owner or operator of a stationary agricultural diesel engine that no longer qualifies for an exemption in 11-17-103 or 11-17-104, or for the Alternate Compliance Plan in 11-17-302 must take the following actions:

- 403.1 Notify the APCO within five (5) days immediately after they become aware that the exemption or qualification for the Alternate Compliance Plan no longer applies.
- 403.2 Apply for the Alternate Compliance Program as provided in Section 11-17-402 within thirty (30) days of the date of notification to the APCO; or replace the existing engine with a certified Tier 4 engine, or the highest tier (lowest emissions) engine available for purchase at the time of replacement within six (6) months of the date of notification to the APCO of loss of the exemption or qualification for the Alternate Compliance Plan.

11-17-404 Declaration of Extreme Frost Season: Any County Agricultural Commissioner within the jurisdiction of the District may declare an Extreme Frost Season if the

hours needed for frost protection in that County exceed 100 hours during any Frost Protection Season.

404.1 This declaration must be submitted to the District in writing no later than June 30th following the end of the Frost Protection Season.

404.2 The declaration must contain appropriate meteorological documentation to support the declaration.

11-17-500 MONITORING AND RECORDS

11-17-501 Recordkeeping: The owner or operator of a stationary agricultural diesel engine must comply with the recordkeeping, reporting, and monitoring requirements in the ATCM as specified in the ATCM, Section 93115.10.

11-17-502 Reporting of Stationary Agricultural Diesel Engine Use: The owner or operator of a stationary agricultural diesel engine must report total annual hours used, and hours used during Frost Protection Season each year as part of their annual renewal in the Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Program.