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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 registration renewal period, and is located more than 1000 feet from residential areas, schools, and health facilities is exempt from the emissions standards in the ATCM, Section 93115.8 (b).

103.1 Any person operating an engine located 1000 feet or less from a residential area, school or health facility must conduct a Health Risk Screening Analysis for that engine consistent with methodologies specified in Regulation 2, Rule 5, Section 402 to demonstrate that the health risks from the engine, at the location of the residential area, school or health facility, are less than 10 in a million and PM_{2.5} ground level concentration is less than 0.3 µg/m³, and that the cumulative risk from all sources within 1000 feet is less than 100 in a million and cumulative PM_{2.5} ground level concentration is less than 0.8 µg/m³. The Health Risk Screening Analysis results must be approved by the APCO for this exemption to be valid.

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 the emissions standards in 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 Emergency Use:** The use of an agricultural diesel or low use engine during any of the following events:
- (A) the failure or loss of all or part of normal electrical power service or normal natural gas supply to the facility:
 1. Which is caused by any reason other than the enforcement of a contractual obligation the owner or operator has with a third party or any other party; and
 2. Which is demonstrated by the owner or operator to the APCO's satisfaction to have been beyond the reasonable control of the owner or operator.
 - (B) the failure of a facility's internal power distribution system:
 1. Which is caused by any reason other than the enforcement of a contractual obligation the owner or operator has with a third party or any other party; and
 2. Which is demonstrated by the owner or operator to the APCO's satisfaction to have been beyond the reasonable control of the owner or operator;
 - (C) the pumping of water or sewage to prevent or mitigate a flood or sewage overflow;
 - (D) the pumping of water for fire suppression or protection.
- 11-17-205 Extreme Frost Season:** Any Frost Protection Season when more than 100 hours of frost protection have been required, and the County Agricultural Commissioner declares an "Extreme Frost Season" as specified in Section 11-17-404.
- 11-17-206 Frost Protection Season:** October 1st – May 15th of each year.
- 11-17-207 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.
- 11-17-208 Maintenance and Testing:** Operation of an agricultural diesel engine to test its reliability and ability to perform its intended purpose.
- 11-17-209 Registered Agricultural Equipment:** Diesel engines registered with the District under the Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Program.
- 11-17-210 Registration Renewal Period:** The one year period from the date of initial registration or the date of registration renewal in the Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Program.
- 11-17-211 Residential Area:** Three or more permanent residences located anywhere outside of the agricultural facility's property.
- 11-17-212 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.
- 11-17-213 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 1000 feet from a residential area, school or health facility; or if any engine is located 1000 feet or less from a residential area, school or health facility the owner/operator must conduct a Health Risk Screening Analysis for that engine consistent with methodologies specified in Regulation 2, Rule 5, Section 402 to demonstrate that the health risks from the engine, at the location of the residential area, school or health facility, are less than 10 in a million and PM2.5 ground level concentration is less than 0.3 µg/m³, and that the cumulative risk from all sources within 1000 feet is less than 100 in a million and cumulative PM2.5 ground level concentration is less than 0.8 µg/m³.
- 302.5 Engine use must average 100 hours or less per registration renewal period over any consecutive three registration renewal periods, and must not exceed 150 hours in any registration renewal period.
- 302.6 Total use hours during each registration renewal period 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 an electric motor, certified Tier 4 engine or an engine meeting Tier 4 emission standards, or the highest tier (lowest emissions) engine available for purchase at the time of replacement.

11-17-303 Additional Engine Use Allowed During Extreme Frost Seasons – Alternate Compliance Plan: An agricultural diesel engine may be used an additional 100 hours beyond engine use allowed in 11-17-302.5 during a registration renewal period when the County Agricultural Commissioner declares an Extreme Frost Season that meets the requirements in Section 11-17-404.

11-17-304 Agricultural Diesel Engine Use Computation – Alternate Compliance Plan: Hours of engine use that meet the following criteria shall be excluded from operational use hours in 11-17-103, and 11-17-302.5:

- 303.1 Agricultural diesel engine hours of use for maintenance and testing.
- 303.2 Agricultural diesel engine hours of use for emergency use.
- 303.3 One hundred (100) hours during any registration renewal period when the County Agricultural Commissioner declares an Extreme Frost Season that meets the requirements of Section 11-17-404.

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 through the District’s Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Program after July 1, 2011, and by December 31, 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 an electric motor, a certified Tier 4 engine or an engine meeting Tier 4 emissions standards, 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 loss of 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 for the applicable 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 for each registration renewal period total hours used, hours used for maintenance and testing, and hours used for emergency use as part of each engine's annual renewal in the Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Program.