

RULE 55.2 – STREET SWEEPING EQUIPMENT

(Adopted 09/15/09)

A. Applicability

Effective September 15, 2010, the provisions of this rule shall apply to any government agency or government contractor that owns or operates street sweeping equipment operated in Ventura County.

B. General Requirements:

1. Any government or government agency that contracts or renews a contract after September 15, 2010, to acquire street sweeping equipment or street sweeping services for routine street sweeping on public roads that it owns and/or maintains, shall only acquire, use, or allow the use of, PM-10 efficient street sweeper equipment. Any street sweeping equipment purchased, leased, or renewed in a lease by any government or government agency after September 15, 2010, shall be a PM-10 efficient street sweeper.

2. No person shall operate any street sweeping equipment for routine street sweeping unless the street sweeping equipment is a PM-10 efficient street sweeper. No person shall operate any street sweeping equipment in Ventura County unless the sweeper is properly operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

Alternative replacement parts may be used to maintain street sweeping equipment provided the sweeper still qualifies as a PM-10 efficient street sweeper. PM-10 efficient street sweepers may be modified without re-certification only if the modification increases the PM-10 control efficiency of the equipment. An example of an allowable modification is the addition of another water spray arm.

C. Exemptions

1. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to street sweepers used solely for road construction purposes. This exemption does not apply to street sweepers used to remove track-out as required by Rule 55, Fugitive Dust.

2. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to street sweepers used to sweep parking lots or private roadways.

D. Recordkeeping Requirements

Any person operating street sweeping equipment subject to this rule shall maintain operational and maintenance records showing compliance with manufacturer maintenance recommendations. Such records shall be maintained for a minimum of two years, and shall be submitted to District personnel upon request.

E. Reporting Requirements

1. Any government agency that owns, operates, or leases one or more street sweepers shall provide an annual compliance status report describing the compliance as of December 31 of the reporting year to the District by January 31 of the following year. The compliance report shall contain the following information:
 - a. Name of agency, contact information, address and phone number.
 - b. Inventory of routine street sweepers in the government agency's fleet listed by Manufacturer, Model Number, Model Year, VIN or license number, and whether or not each sweeper is a PM-10 Efficient Street Sweeper.
2. Any person or company that owns or operates one or more street sweepers and provides street sweeping services to a government agency shall provide an annual compliance report describing the compliance status as of December 31 of the reporting year to the District by January 31 of the following year. The compliance report shall contain the following information:
 - a. Name of person or company, contact information, address and phone number.
 - b. Inventory of routine street sweepers in the person's or company's fleet listed by Manufacturer, Model Number, Model Year, VIN or license number, and whether or not the sweeper is a PM-10 Efficient Street Sweeper.

F. Violations

Failure to comply with any provision of this rule is a violation of this rule.

G. Definitions

1. "Government Agency": A public authority that includes any federal, state, county, municipal, special district, or any other governmental or quasi-governmental agency.
2. "PM-10 Efficient Street Sweeper": Any street sweeper certified by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to meet their Particulate Matter (10 microns or less) capture efficiency criteria outlined in SCAQMD Rule 1186 Appendix

A. A retrofit of an existing sweeper that meets the capture efficiency criteria using the test method outlined in SCAQMD Rule 1186: Appendix A (SCAQMD Test Protocol for Rule 1186-Certified Street Sweeper Compliance Testing), shall be considered to be a PM-10 Efficient Street Sweeper.

3. “Public Road”: Any road or street under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel. A public authority includes any governmental agency. A road is any open land designed for travel or transportation.
4. “Road Construction Purposes”: Street sweeping for “road construction purposes” shall mean any street sweeping performed while constructing a new road or repairing an existing road, including, but not limited to, the following operations: paving, milling, chip sealing, slurry sealing, or demolition.
5. “Routine Street Sweeping”: Any street sweeping performed for the maintenance or cleaning of public streets or roadways, including street sweeping to remove trackout pursuant to Rule 55. Routine street sweeping shall not include street sweeping done for road construction purposes, or street sweeping in parking lots and private roadways.
6. “Street Sweeper”: Any mechanized vehicle whose main function is to sweep or clean a paved road in order to remove debris or clean the street.

H. Compliance Schedule

The requirements of this rule shall become effective September 15, 2010.

I. Compliance Status

Compliance with this Rule shall not guarantee that a person will be in compliance with any other district rule or state regulation, including but not limited to, Rule 50 (Opacity), Rule 51 (Nuisance), Health and Safety Code Section 41700 (Nuisance), or Health and Safety Code Section 41701 (Opacity).