



Do you have a diesel engine 50 hp or greater in use for your agricultural operations?



A new California law requires you to register your diesel engine(s) with the local Air Pollution Control District.

On September 11, 2007, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board adopted Rule 250 that implements the state law that requires owners/operators of non-vehicle diesel engines 50 hp and greater used in agricultural operations to be registered with the local Air Pollution Control District (APCD) by March 1, 2008.

There is a \$200 registration fee. Registration in any of the tri-counties (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura) will be valid in all three counties. Older engines must be replaced with newer, less polluting engines according to a schedule adopted by the California Air Resources Board. See the registration schedule below and detailed farm engine registration and replacement requirements at <http://www.vcapcd.org/HelpFarmersNewLaw.htm>.

Farm engine registration schedule:

- ✓ By March 1, 2008, all engines installed before September 11, 2007, must be registered.
- ✓ New engines installed after September 11, 2007, must be registered within 90 days after installation.

Facts about diesel engines:

Diesel engine emissions are toxic and have been known to cause cancer and respiratory/cardiac diseases. To protect public health, the California Air Resources Board has adopted regulations to reduce diesel emissions from industrial and agricultural operations. New statewide regulations require registration and replacement of certain farm engines.

Funding is available!

The Ventura County APCD has money available to help replace Stationary Tier 3 agriculture diesel engines. Note that all stationary agricultural diesel engines classified as Tier 0, Tier 1, or Tier 2 are illegal to operate in Ventura County and are NOT eligible for funding. Talk to APCD staff before you buy a new diesel engine. We may be able to provide partial funding for your replacement.

For more information:

Funding for new cleaner engines Tyler Harris at (805) 645-1407
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For registration forms..... www.vcapcd.org
(<http://www.vcapcd.org/HelpFarmersNewLaw.htm>)