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## **UPCOMING AGRICULTURAL DIESEL ENGINE DEADLINE & APCD ENFORCEMENT FOR NON-COMPLYING TIER 1, TIER 2, & UNREGISTERED AG ENGINES**

On September 11, 2007, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board adopted Rule 250 requiring owners of non-vehicular diesel engines 50 brake horsepower (BHP) and greater used in agricultural operations to register with the Air Pollution Control District (APCD). Rule 250 implements the California Air Resources Board's *Air Toxic Control Measure for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines* (ATCM). Under the ATCM and Rule 250, agricultural (Ag) engines 50 BHP and greater were required to register with the APCD by March 1, 2008. New engines installed after September 11, 2007, must be registered within 90 days after installation. If you own or operate a diesel Ag engine, the following information is important to you!

### **Tier 1 and Tier 2 Engines**

The ATCM prohibits the operation of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Ag engines after December 31, 2014 for engines rated at 175 BHP<sup>1</sup> and greater, and after December 31, 2015 for engines rated at 50 to 174 BHP. The compliance dates for some Tier 2 engines may be extended (with APCD approval) to no more than 12 years after the date of initial installation of the engine. Your APCD engine registration specifies the tier designation and compliance date. The ATCM requires you to replace your Tier 1 or Tier 2 engine with an Interim Tier 4 engine or a Tier 4 final engine, depending on the BHP rating. The APCD may have funding available to help you comply with this engine replacement requirement. Please contact Chris Frank with the APCD at (805) 645-1409 to discuss the funding process in further detail.

### **APCD Enforcement Program**

All diesel Ag engines, rated at 50 BHP or greater, must be registered with the APCD, including new replacement engines. Be advised that the APCD will take enforcement action against owners of unregistered Ag engines and owners of Tier 1 and Tier 2 engines operated after their compliance date. Owners of unregistered Ag engines or, Tier 1, or Tier 2 Ag engines will be issued Notices of Violation and monetary penalties will be sought. The California Health and Safety Code allows penalties of up to \$1,000 per day for each day of violation. Contact Dan Searcy at 805/645-1494 regarding the APCD's Enforcement Program for unregistered Ag engines.

### **Agricultural Engine Registration Program**

District Engineering staff are available to assist with and explain the registration process. Ag engine registration forms can be downloaded on the District website at [www.vcapcd.org](http://www.vcapcd.org). Contact Laura Kranzler at 805/645-1401 for additional information regarding registration of Ag engines.

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<sup>1</sup> BHP rating is the maximum continuous design power rating. Engine de-rating to comply is not permitted.