



Environment, Health & Safety Division
Environmental Services Group

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NOTICE

California Idling Policy for Off-road Diesel Vehicles

To all operators of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in-use off-road diesel vehicles:

The following requirements apply to in-use, off-road diesel powered vehicles:

- **No vehicle or engine subject to the in-use off-road diesel regulation may idle for more than 5 consecutive minutes.** The idling limits took effect on June 15, 2008, the day that the off-road diesel regulation became effective under California law.
- The idling limit does not apply to: (1) idling when queuing, (2) idling to verify that the vehicle is in safe operating condition, (3) idling for testing, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes, (4) idling necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed (such as operating a crane), (5) idling required to bring the machine system to operating temperature, as specified by the manufacturer, (6) idling necessary to ensure safe operation of the vehicle. (7) Idling when waiting in line is allowed (idling to wait for other vehicles or materials, is not allowed.) (8) Idling to accomplish secondary functions, such as concrete agitation, load hoisting, fuel pump operation, or other necessary functions is allowed. (9) Idling to provide air conditioning or heat to ensure the health and safety of the operator is allowed.
- Vehicles types regulated by this policy are any diesel-fueled or alternative diesel fueled off-road compression ignition vehicle engine with maximum power of 25 horsepower (hp) or greater that is used to provide motive power in a workover rig or to provide motive power in any other motor vehicle that (1) cannot be registered and driven safely on-road or was not designed to be driven on-road, and (2) is not an implement of husbandry or recreational off-highway vehicle.
- Examples of diesel vehicles impacted (greater than 25 breaking horsepower): bulldozers, forklifts, backhoes, tractors, skip loaders, graders, excavators, street sweepers, and lawnmowers.

To report off-road diesel vehicles that are violating the idling limits, call 1-800-END-SMOG (1-800-363-7664), or fill out a form on-line at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/complaints/icv.htm>

The California Air Resource Board (ARB) enforcement advisory for idling is available online from ARB's website at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/guidance/idling.pdf>.

Please contact Berkeley Lab's point of contact Ned Borglin at (510)-486-4332 for more information if this policy is unclear or you have additional questions.