

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
RULE 12 – REGISTRATION OF SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT

WORKSHOP REPORT

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) held a public webinar on November 18, 2020, to discuss and receive input on the draft proposed amendments to Rule 12 – Registration of Specified Equipment. A meeting notice was mailed to each engine registration holder, and chamber of commerce in the region, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and California Air Resources Board (CARB). Additionally, a meeting notice was posted on the District’s website and distributed to interested parties including through the County of San Diego’s electronic mail service.

The workshop was attended by 45 people. A summary of the comments and District responses are provided below:

1. **WORKSHOP COMMENT**

To clarify the applicability of the rule, Subsection (a)(1)(i) should be revised to: “Existing internal combustion emergency standby engines that commenced operation on or before November 15, 2000.”

**DISTRICT RESPONSE**

The District agrees and has revised the applicability section for existing engines as suggested.

2. **WORKSHOP COMMENT**

Can the District clarify which engines are eligible for registrations under Rule 12 – Registrations of Specified Equipment and which engines are subject to Rule 69.4.1 – Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines and require a Permit to Operate?

**DISTRICT RESPONSE**

Rule 12 applies to emergency standby engines that commenced operation on or before November 15, 2000. Rule 12 also applies to engines rated at 200 brake horsepower or less which operate less than 200 hours per calendar year that commenced operation on or before November 15, 2000. Engines not meeting either of these two conditions are subject to Rule 69.4.1 and require a Permit to Operate.

**3. WORKSHOP COMMENT**

Is the term “partial external power outage” defined in the rule?

**DISTRICT RESPONSE**

The term “partial external power outage” is not specifically defined in Section (c) Definitions of the rule. However, Subsection (g)(1)(i)(C) describes a partial external power outage event as an event “in which the external power voltage is low enough to trigger the operation of an emergency standby engine.”

**4. WORKSHOP COMMENT**

Rule 12 also applies to boilers with a heat input rating between 2 and 5 million Btu per hour. Will the proposed amendments to the rule affect boiler manufacturers or installers? Are these units subject to District Rule 69.2.2 – Medium Boilers, Process Heaters, and Steam Generators?

**DISTRICT RESPONSE**

The proposed amendments apply only to engines and will not change the requirements for boiler manufacturers and installers. Boilers with a heat input rating between 2 and 5 million Btu per hour will be eligible for registration effective April 1, 2021, and are subject to Rule 69.2.2 effective July 1, 2021.

**5. CARB COMMENT**

CARB has no official comments at this time.

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