Rule 311, Registration Fees for Agricultural Compression Ignition Engines

Public Hearing July 24, 2008

Introduction

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Overview of Proposal

- Recover costs to implement ATCM:
 - Direct cost for registration and inspection staff time
 - Processing registration
 - Engine inspections
 - ATCM compliance
 - Direct costs for supplies/services to support staff
 - Cars, gasoline, other services and supplies
 - Overhead costs Building, accounting/payroll, support staff compensation, and other associated expenses
- Fees must be paid for all engines that are required to register, except permitted engines (District Rule 215)

Public Outreach/Response to Workshop Comments

Public Outreach

- 4 meetings with Farm Bureau
- Notices mailed directly to 105 farms/232 engines
- Hearing notices published in the Sacramento Bee on March 24, 2008 and June 23, 2008
- Staff held two evening public workshops

Changes in response to workshop comments

- □ Lowered initial fee (~50%) for Carl Moyer engines
- Lowered fees (~50%) for multiple engines located at one facility
- Renewal fees sunset when final emission standards in ATCM met

Board Requests

- Board member requests from April 24, 2008 meeting
 - Explore other enforcement options including self-certification
 - Specifically look at the City of Sacramento Rental Housing Self Certification Program
 - Information on SJVUAPCD registration rule

City of Sacramento Rental Housing Self Certification Program

Inspections

- Ensure that rental housing in compliance with housing codes
- Initial inspection on each parcel
- If initial inspection is failed, then annual inspections

Self Certification

- If initial inspection passed, then owner can self-certify in future and pay discounted fee
- 5% of self-certified parcels are inspected annually
- Self certified parcels are also inspected in response to complaints

Initial Registration Fee

Engine Category	Initial Fee Proposed for Adoption		
1 st registered engine at the facility	\$300/1 st engine		
Other registered engines at the facility	\$155/additional engine		
Moyer engines	\$151/Moyer engine		
Engines with a control device	Agricultural engine permit fees from Rule 310		

Fee Options Comparison

Original Proposal

- Consistent with fees and inspection frequency for programs affecting other businesses
- 33% of engines inspected per year
- Potentially out of compliance for up to 3 years

Option 1

- Fee reduction for reduced enforcement
- 15% of engines inspected per year
- Potentially out of compliance for up to 7 years

Option 2

- Fee reduction for self certification
- Engines that self-certify within 45 days will receive discounted annual fees
- 5% of self-certified engines inspected per year
- Potentially out of compliance for up to 20 years

Annual Renewal Fee

	Fee Proposed for Adoption				
Engine Category	Original Proposal	Option 1	Option 2 Self Certification Discount		
1 st registered engine at the facility	\$169/engine	\$86/engine	\$47/engine		
Other registered engines at the facility	\$105/engine	\$53/engine	\$26/engine		
Engines with a control device	Agricultural engine permit fees from Rule 310				

Note: Renewal fees discontinued after an engine meets the final ATCM emission standards. However, engines using add-on control device(s) or emergency standby engines not meeting emission standards must continue to pay renewal fees.

SJVUAPCD and Other District Fee Comparison

	SMAQMD Proposed	SJVUAPCD	YSAQMD	SBAPCD	FRAQMD
Initial Fee	\$151 - \$300	\$72	\$174	\$200	\$113
Renewal Fee	Original Proposal \$105 - \$169	\$48	\$87	\$200	\$81

Option 1

\$53 - \$86;

Option 2

\$26 - \$47

Recommendations

- Conduct the second public hearing for proposed Rule 311 today
 - Take public comments
- Determine that new Rule 311 is exempt from CEQA
- Approve Rule 311 and decide whether to include one of the additional options
 - Staff recommends the Board consider Option 1 if the Board decides to include an option