



# ADVISORY

**SUBJECT: SMAQMD Rule 201:  
General Permit Requirements**

**ADVISORY #04-01**

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS REGARDING EQUIPMENT REQUIRING  
SMAQMD PERMITS TO OPERATE**

<b>Purpose of this advisory</b>	The purpose of this advisory is to inform the regulated community, specifically school districts, of permit requirements for equipment commonly found on school grounds.
<b>Who needs this information?</b>	This advisory has useful information for school districts, organizations, and facilities that have existing equipment or are planning to install equipment that would require a SMAQMD Permit to Operate pursuant to SMAQMD Rule 201, General Permit Requirements.
<b>Background</b>	The SMAQMD is responsible for ensuring that air quality within Sacramento County meets Federal and State standards. Rule 201 is part of a series of rules adopted by the SMAQMD to reduce air pollution in an effort to meet these standards.
<b>What is Rule 201?</b>	SMAQMD Rule 201 defines permit requirements for stationary equipment operated within the SMAQMD. Please see below for examples of equipment that require a Permit to Operate. Failure to obtain a Permit to Operate is a violation of SMAQMD Rule 201 and is subject to significant penalties, particularly if the equipment does not meet emission standards. Fees associated with the permitting process can be found in SMAQMD Rule 301.
<b>Examples of equipment types that require a Permit to Operate</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Boilers and heating equipment with a heat input rating of 1,000,000 British Thermal Units (Btu) or higher. The ratings of all combustion equipment used in the same process are accumulated to determine if a Permit to Operate is required.</li> <li>2. Internal combustion engines with a horse power (hp) rating greater or equal to 50 hp. Commonly found as back up power generators and as portable equipment such as compressors, wood chippers, and portable pumps.</li> <li>3. Contaminated soil remediation projects and equipment.</li> <li>4. Gasoline dispensing equipment.</li> <li>5. Dust and particulate matter control equipment such as cyclones and bag houses.</li> <li>6. Painting and coating operations where more than one gallon total of all coatings are used on any one day</li> <li>7. Any process that emits Toxic Air Contaminants or Hazardous Air Pollutants as identified in the California Health and Safety Code, Section 93000 and 93001.</li> <li>8. Any process that has the potential to emit two pounds or greater of any pollutant.</li> </ol>
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