



Compliance Assistance

ADVISORY

**SUBJECT: Amendments to the Portable Engine Airborne
Toxic Control Measure**

Advisory #16-1

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

BACKGROUND

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Diesel Particulate Matter (ATCM) in 2004. To protect public health, the ATCM controls emissions from diesel fueled portable engines that are greater than or equal to 50 horsepower operating in California. In 2013, fleet averaging standards became effective for diesel particulate matter (DPM) for owners and operators of subject fleets of engines. Currently, the ATCM requires a reduction of DPM in fleet averaging standards in 2017 and again in 2020.

CURRENTLY

CARB has decided that meeting the 2017 fleet averaging standards may not be reasonably achievable for fleet owners and operators since cleaner engine technologies did not become available as quickly as anticipated. CARB is working to revise the ATCM and its fleet average emission standards for DPM. The rulemaking to amend the standards is thought to take place during 2017. Public workshops are being offered soon and participation is welcomed. If you are interested in attending in person or online, please see the information for the workshops here: http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/perp/workshop_march2016.pdf.

The proposed amendments will not affect eligibility for initial registration of engines into the Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP). Only current tier engines and flex engines are accepted for initial registration in the PERP. It is important to keep in mind, flex engines have higher DPM emissions, making it more difficult for them to reach future requirements.

LOCALLY

The Sacramento Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) **will not** enforce the 2017 fleet averaging standards. Owners and operators of portable equipment may continue using their engines during the amendment process. The 2013 fleet averaging standards and reporting process that is currently required will continue to be enforced. You will be advised when amendments are adopted and the standards that will be required.

MORE INFORMATION

More information on the ATCM and upcoming amendments may be found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/portable.htm>.

If you have questions regarding your portable equipment permitted or registered in Sacramento County please contact Brian Krebs at 916.874.4856. You may also contact Teresa Posey for free and confidential compliance assistance at 916.874.4884.