



Compliance Assistance **ADVISORY**

**SUBJECT: SMAQMD Permit Requirements for
Equipment Located at Groceries and
Markets**

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF STATIONARY INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES LOCATED AT GROCERIES AND MARKETS

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) is responsible for ensuring that air quality within Sacramento County meets Federal and State standards. In an effort to ensure healthier air for the residents of Sacramento County, the SMAQMD has adopted rules requiring Permits to Operate (P/O) for equipment that releases air contaminants.

The purpose of this advisory is to alert owners and operators of stationary internal combustion engines located at grocery stores and markets of the need to obtain a SMAQMD P/O for all engines with a rated horsepower greater than 50 bhp. These engines may be fueled by natural gas, propane, gasoline, or diesel and are commonly found at grocery stores and markets where they may be used to power emergency backup generators for lights, cash registers, refrigeration units, and freezers. These units also may be used for emergency fire pumps.

Facility managers at grocery stores and markets are advised to inspect their facilities to determine if this type of equipment exists. If this type of equipment is present and a SMAQMD P/O has not been obtained, you are further advised to immediately obtain a P/O. Any facility operating this type of equipment without a P/O is subject to a Notice of Violation and penalties pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 42402.

For more information on SMAQMD Rules and Regulations or to obtain permit application forms, please visit the SMAQMD's web site at www.airquality.org. If you have any questions about the permitting process, you may call Mark Loutzenhiser at the SMAQMD at (916) 874-4872. You may also call the SMAQMD's *Compliance Assistance Hotline* at (916) 874-4884 for free, confidential assistance on any SMAQMD requirement.