New ARB Regulations

This notice is a reminder of several new Air Resources Board (ARB) labeling requirements for in-use off-road diesel vehicles. By January 1, 2013, BOTH sides of all vehicles subject to the Off-Road Regulation must be labeled with the equipment identification number (EIN).

Additionally, the EIN labels on vehicles owned by captive attainment area fleets must be changed to white on a green background by January 1, 2013. Because captive attainment area fleets are potentially subject to lesser compliance requirements than those fleets operating in surrounding areas, the labels on vehicles owned by captive attainment area fleets must be changed in order to differentiate them from other vehicles not eligible for this provision. Captive Attainment Area Fleets are fleets or fleet portions in which all of the vehicles operate exclusively within the following counties: Alpine, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Monterey, Plumas, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Trinity, Tehama, Yuba, and the portion of Sonoma County that lies within the boundaries of the North Coast Air Basin. Captive attainment area fleets are treated as small fleets even if their total horsepower (hp) exceeds the small fleet threshold of 2,500 hp.

Additional information regarding these new labeling requirements is available in our regulatory advisory at http://www.arb.ca.gov/ msprog/ordiesel/regadv/adv1208.pdf.

As a reminder, large fleets (those with affected vehicles totaling over 5,000 horsepower and State/Federal fleets) were required to submit information to comply with annual reporting requirements by March 1, 2012. To complete annual reporting, each large fleet must submit a Responsible Official Affirmation of Reporting (ROAR) and engine hour meter readings for vehicles designated as low-use and/or agricultural (used most of the time, but not exclusively, for agricultural purposes). More information regarding the annual reporting requirements is available in our regulatory advisory at http:// www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/regadv/adv1202.pdf.

Background

The Air Resources Board's (ARB) regulation for In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles became effective under California law on June 15, 2008. This regulation is intended to reduce harmful emissions from diesel powered construction and mining vehicles operating in California. Fleets were required to initially report their off-road diesel vehicles to ARB in 2009 via the Diesel Off-road On-line Reporting System (DOORS). In addition, fleet owners are subject to restrictions on unnecessary idling and will be subject to accelerated replacement/ repower requirements. In December 2011, major amendments to the Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation, which include delaying the first compliance date to no earlier than January 1, 2014, became effective.

If you have any questions regarding off-road reporting, please contact the DOORS hotline at (877) 59-DOORS (877-593-6677) or by email at doors@arb.ca.gov. For further information on ARB's diesel vehicle and equipment regulations, please call the ARB Diesel Hotline at 866-6DIESEL (866-634-3735). For further information about the off-road diesel vehicle regulation, please visit the off-road regulation website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/ordiesel.

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