



Regulatory Advisory



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NEW LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-USE OFF-ROAD DIESEL VEHICLES

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The Air Resources Board (ARB) Regulation for In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles (off-road regulation) became effective under California law on June 15, 2008. This regulation is intended to reduce harmful emissions from diesel powered vehicles operating in California. Among other things, fleet owners are required to report and label their vehicles. In December 2011, amendments to the off-road regulation became effective, including several new labeling requirements.

Labels Required on Both Sides for All Vehicles

As of 2009, vehicles subject to the off-road regulation were required to be reported to the ARB and labeled with a unique Equipment Identification Number (EIN) on the right side of the vehicle. All vehicles newly reported to ARB must now be labeled on both sides within 30 days of receiving the EIN, and all previously reported vehicles must be labeled on both sides by January 1, 2013.

Green Labels Required for Captive Attainment Area Fleets

There is also a new requirement for labels on vehicles owned by captive attainment area fleets. Because captive attainment area fleets are potentially subject to lesser compliance requirements than those fleets operating in surrounding areas (as described below), 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. The EIN labels for vehicles owned by captive attainment area fleets must now be white on a green background, rather than white on a red background. All captive attainment area fleets newly reported to ARB must now be labeled with green labels on both sides within 30 days of receiving the EIN. In addition, all previously reported vehicles in captive attainment area fleets must be labeled with green labels on both sides by January 1, 2013.

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.

Vehicles that fail to meet the new labeling requirements are subject to civil penalties for the violations as stated in section 39674 of the Health and Safety Code.

More information about how the labels must appear is available at www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/faq/faq-labeling.pdf.

A list of label vendors who can create EIN labels is online at www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/labelvendors.htm.

For information about the off-road regulation, including the regulation language, visit the website at: www.arb.ca.gov/ordiesel. The Knowledge Center contains many guidance documents which explain the regulation. For questions regarding off-road reporting, you may contact the DOORS hotline at (877) 59-DOORS [(877) 593-6677] or by email at doors@arb.ca.gov. For general questions about diesel regulations, you may contact the Diesel hotline at (866) 6-DIESEL [(866) 634-3735].