



## **ALAMEDA COUNTY DIESEL ENGINE IDLE REDUCTION POLICY**

### **Regulations**

Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 2485 Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Limit Diesel-Fueled Commercial Motor Vehicle Idling. The measure applies to vehicles greater than 10,000 lbs GVWR.

Title 13, article 4.8, chapter 9, sections 2449, 2449.1, 2449.2, and 2449.3 California Code of Regulations (CCR). The measure applies to in-use off-road equipment.

### **Policy Requirements**

The driver/operator of any vehicle/equipment subject to this section:

- (1) Shall not idle the vehicle's primary diesel engine for greater than 5.0 minutes at any location, except as noted in exceptions.

Exceptions - The idling limit does not apply to:

1. Idling when queuing,
2. Idling to verify that the vehicle is in safe operating condition,
3. Idling for testing, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes,
4. Idling necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed (such as operating a crane),
5. Idling required to bring the machine system to operating temperature, and
6. Idling necessary to ensure safe operation of the vehicle.

- (2) **Idling Limit** - No vehicle or engines subject to this regulation may idle for more than 5 consecutive minutes. Idling of a vehicle that is owned by a rental company is the responsibility of the renter or lessee.

The ARB enforcement advisory for idling is available online from ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/guidance/idling.pdf>. The enforcement advisory describes the method by which the idling policy will be enforced by ARB staff, and also states "each first time violation of the idling requirements will be assessed a minimum civil penalty of \$300. Subsequent penalties can range from \$1,000 to \$10,000."

All diesel powered on-highway trucks over 10,000 GVWR are affected by this policy.

**Authorized emergency vehicles are exempt.**

Off-Road diesel equipment affected by this policy are:

Backhoes, rubber tire loaders, track loaders and dozers, skid steer loaders, asphalt grinders, excavators, cranes, pavers, rollers, forklifts, motor graders and other construction equipment.

To report off-road diesel vehicles that are violating the idling limits, call 1-800-END-SMOG (1-800-363-7664), or fill out a form on-line at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/complaints/icv.htm>.

Please contact your supervisor or the **Motor Vehicles Manager** at **510-272-6401** or **tie-line 26401** for more information if this policy is unclear or you have additional questions.