

Waste Management CA Specific
OFF ROAD VEHICLES IDLING POLICY- 2009

This policy will be posted in an area visible to employees and made available by request. This policy will be reviewed with employees along with the Tailgate Training at least annually.

California Air Resources Board (ARB) regulates smoke emissions from on road and off road diesel vehicles. Particulate matter or diesel soot from excessive smoke emissions is harmful to human health and the environment.

Idling creates more smoke emissions and wastes fuel. No vehicle or engine subject to the in-use off-road diesel regulation may idle for more than 5 consecutive minutes. The idling restrictions took effect on June 15, 2008, the day that the regulation became effective under California law.

The idling restrictions apply to all off-road diesel vehicles which are covered by the regulation, except where they are granted full exemption from the regulation, or have a waiver that specifically exempts the vehicle type or engine from the idling restrictions.

Fleets owners who believe they have a unique situation which qualifies their vehicles for a waiver from the idling restrictions may write a letter to ARB's Executive Officer detailing their circumstances and explaining why they should receive a waiver. Employees should inform their Fleet Manager if they believe a vehicle may qualify for a waiver for idling restrictions.

Idling limits do NOT apply for the following:

- Idling while queuing. Queuing is the time a unit spends waiting to perform work when shutting off would impede queue progress; Queuing does not include the start of a workday
- Idling to verify vehicle is in safe operating condition
- Idling for testing, repair or diagnostic services
- Idling that is necessary to accomplish the work for which a vehicle was designed
- Idling to bring the unit to operating temperature
- Idling to ensure safe operation

ARB will consider vehicle idling due to delays of materials used by the vehicle (e.g., shot, concrete, rock, water), including delays waiting for other vehicles used in tandem with the idling vehicle, to be violations, except for when the vehicle is queuing to accept materials. It will be at ARB's enforcement staff's discretion to determine if idling to provide air conditioning or heating to operators will be considered a violation, based on whether or not it can be shown that it was a medical necessity.

Refer to Waste Management's Operator Tailgate Training for Off Road Vehicle Emissions OFF ROAD for more information on idling restrictions. The ARB enforcement advisory for idling is also 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 "As a matter of policy, each first time violation of the idling requirements will be assessed a minimum civil penalty of \$300. Subsequent penalties can be up to \$1,000 to \$10,000." Employees may be liable for fees associated with idling violations if it is found that idling was unnecessary.

For more information on this policy and the in use Off Road Rule, contact the Fleet Manager. Employees may also visit ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/ordiesel.htm>, which contains links to the regulation language, fact sheets, and reporting forms. The idling restrictions are listed in the final regulation order on page 15, section 2449(d)(3).

To report complains or concerns:

Concerned operators, fleet owners, or citizens may report off-road diesel vehicles which are violating the idling restrictions to ARB by calling 1-800-END-SMOG (1-800-363-7664), or by filling out a form at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/complaints/icv.htm>.

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