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AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND FUEL TANKS SUBJECT TO NEW RULES

By

Steven A. Pastor, Executive Director

Over the past twelve months, the Riverside County Farm Bureau (RCFB) has been telling its members to prepare themselves for the new agricultural engine rules and gasoline storage/dispensing rules developed by the South Coast Air Quality District (AQMD) in response to SB 700.

Effective January 1, 2006, farmers and ranchers in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Los Angeles Counties (not including the Antelope Valley, the high desert portions of San Bernardino County, or the Blythe area of Riverside County) must begin complying with AQMD's Rule 1110.2. This rule, simply stated, states that all agricultural engines greater than 50 brake horsepower (bhp) will be subject to reporting, testing, and/or emission limit requirements. Rule 1110.2 may require you to control or replace your current stationary engines. By January 1st, farmers and ranchers must send a Notification of Applicability (NOA) to the AQMD that gives your farm/ranch name and mailing address,

engine location, engine information, permit application number (if applicable), engine type and use, and expected means of compliance. The rule will make the use of most, if not all, stationary non-emergency diesel engines (except tractors) cost-prohibitive. Help in funding to replace or retrofit these engines may be available through the Carl Moyer Program at www.aqmd.gov/tao/implementation/carlmoeyerprogram2001.htm. The Southern California Edison Company also provides incentives to replace a diesel engine with an electric motor. Contact Kory Myers at 909.820.5630 or go to www.sce.com to find out more about their incentives.

Riverside County Farm Bureau would like to congratulate RCFB Board members Ben Drake and Stephen Corona on their victory for two seats on the Rancho California Water District Board.

If you haven't determined if your agricultural engine(s) qualifies for Rule 1110.2, please do so as soon as possible. You can determine if your engine(s) qualifies or is exempt by reading Rule 1110.2 at www.aqmd.gov/rules/reg/reg11/r1110-2.pdf. If your farm has emissions above a certain limit (use the emission calculator at www.aqmd.gov/titlev/ag.html), you should already have AQMD permits for your existing engines. Regardless of whether your existing engines require permits, if your engine(s) do qualify under Rule 1110.2 (e.g. are not exempt), you will have to retrofit, add control equipment or replace the engine by July 1, 2008 (January 1, 2010 if the existing engine is newer or if your farm has emissions below the permitting threshold. Before buying a new engine, however, it is recommended that a farmer/rancher consult the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) guidelines, an environmental consultant, or the AQMD. Rule 1110.2 also includes additional source testing and record-keeping requirements for new, controlled, and/or replacement engines.

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News in Brief...

GULF COAST FARMERS SEE LOSSES MOUNT

Loss figures are mounting, as farmers assess damage in the states hit by Hurricane Katrina. Observers say agricultural damage in those states might reach \$5 billion. In Louisiana, for example, citrus growers suffered a total loss of this year's crop, and standing saltwater will render the orchards permanently unsuitable for citrus. Dairy and poultry farmers lost buildings and animals. In Mississippi, timber producers have had losses exceeding \$1 billion.

CFBF CONTRIBUTES TO RED CROSS AID CAMPAIGN

Seeking to help with both immediate and long-term needs along the Gulf Coast, the California Farm Bureau Federation has donated \$1 per member to the American Red Cross hurricane-relief effort. The donation totals \$87,000. Farm Bureau President Bill Pauli noted the need to do something immediately for "people who have been devastated." He said specific Farm Bureau programs will aid farm families who suffered losses from Hurricane Katrina.

AFBF BACKS BILL TO DETERMINANT DOMAIN

Because farm and ranch land could become a prime target for eminent-domain condemnation, the nation's largest farm group says it supports federal legislation to discourage the practice. American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman testified yesterday (Wednesday) in favor of a bill that would deter governments from seizing land, then turning it over to private developers. The bill was introduced following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that broadened eminent domain authority.

HOT SUMMER SPARED CHRISTMAS TREES

The Christmas tree you'll harvest this holiday season is growing now at a choose-and-cut farm in California, and farmers say the hot weather this summer did not create any unusual problems for them. Farmers increased irrigation of their trees, to keep them healthy. Some Christmas tree growers don't irrigate, but reported no unusual losses. And farmers say they've been able to keep insect pests at bay.



SEPT / OCT / NOV 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- * Sept. 21st - 1:30pm, RCA meeting, CAC Building in Riverside.
- * Sept. 27th - 3:00pm, Annual Dinner Committee meeting, RCFB Office in Moreno Valley.
- * Oct. 8 - 16th, Southern California Fair, Lake Perris Fair Grounds in Perris.
- * Oct. 12th - 6:30pm, RCFB Board of Directors meeting, Sizzler Restaurant in Banning.
- * Oct. 19th - 1:30pm, RCA meeting, CAC Building in Riverside.
- * Nov. 5th - 2:00pm to 6:00pm, 88th Annual Dinner Meeting, Monteleone Meadows in Murrieta.

Attention all Farm Bureau Members - We need your Help!

Over the past ten years, the Farm Bureau has funneled well over \$39,000 into the Junior Livestock Auction and a large portion of that comes from members like you.

Your money that is donated to the Auction Support Fund will go toward the purchasing of animals at the Riverside County Fair, National Date Festival and Colorado River Country Fair. The animals are entered into the festival and fair by the members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H students.

With all of the choices children have today, FFA and 4-H are two activities worth supporting. Both organizations teach young people important life skills, including time management, financial responsibility, and the importance of caring for others.

FFA and 4-H students that profit from these auction sales use the funds to start their next animal project and to start saving for college.

Payable to: Farm Bureau, Auction Support Fund, Riverside County Farm Bureau, 21160 Box Springs Rd, #102, Moreno Valley, CA 92557

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In addition, Rule 1110.2 states that a farmer/rancher must keep a monthly operating log for all portable and stationary engines (see definition of a portable engine at the AQMD website), whether exempt or not that includes: 1) total hours of operation; 2) type of fuel used; and 3) fuel consumption (cubic feet of natural gas or gallons of liquid fuel). You must keep these records for at least five years and make them available to an AQMD inspector, upon request.


Second, by July 1, 2007, agricultural operations must comply with Rule 461, Gasoline Storage and Dispensing (www.aqmd.gov/rules/reg/reg04/r461.pdf). Basically, Rule 461 states that farmers and ranchers with non-certified tanks (see the definition of non-certified tanks at the AQMD website) that have a 251 gallon capacity or greater (or mobile fuel tanks greater than 121 gallons) must replace them with either exempt (e.g. smaller) equipment or California Air Resources Board (CARB) certified tanks.

Farmers who wish to keep gasoline tanks greater than 250 gallons must install or alter their tanks with Phase I or Phase II Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) equipment that are CARB-certified and must comply with inspection, maintenance, and periodic testing. Once again, more information may be obtained by going on to the AQMD website listed above or by calling 909.396.3115. Mobile fuel tanks above 120 gallons also have special requirements in Rule 461.

If your farm has emissions above permitting threshold (as determined by the AQMD emission calculator), you will need to obtain a Permit to Construct before installing the CARB-certified tank.


Complying with Rule 1110.2 and Rule 461 will require an understanding of technical issues related to engine emissions and source testing, as well as regulatory issues related to permitting, record-keeping, and


reporting. The AQMD has offered to assist farmers and ranchers in permitting of their (farmers/ranchers) engines as well as repairs or replacement of fuel tanks. If you have any questions about complying with these rules, contact Gary Turner (AQMD) at 909.396.2403.



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Agricultural Hazardous Materials Transportation Endorsement

Submitted by Ben Laverty, Kern County Farm Bureau Rural Health and Safety Committee; President & CEO of CSTC®, Exclusive Trainers of the AgHazMat Training Program

Many questions have recently come in regarding the Agricultural Hazardous Materials Transportation Endorsement training and certification after attendees came to a class and took the certificate to their local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) field office. DMV's have been informing people that they can not apply for the endorsement without going through the provisions listed under the USA PATRIOT ACT and Section 15250(b)(1) in the California Vehicle Code.

California Safety Training Corporation, after learning of the difficulties people have gone through to obtain/renew their endorsement, looked into this further, and contacted the California Highway Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement in Sacramento, CA.

Mr. Vince Curry of the California Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Section assisted California Safety Training Corporation in the quest to obtain further information from the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the DL 267 certificate and the USA Patriot Act. On May 13, 2005 the DMV mailed a letter to many employers of Commercially Licensed Drivers with a Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME). The letter outlined the process to obtain or renew a HME. The letter did NOT address California's Hazardous Materials Certificate (DL 267) in any manner. However, some DMV Field Offices have informed farm workers applying for the DL 267 that they are required to submit an application to TSA. The DL 267 is not an "endorsement" and therefore is exempt from the provisions of the USA PATRIOT ACT and Section 15250(b)(1) of the California Vehicle Code.

If anyone has attended the Agricultural Hazardous Materials Transportation Endorsement Training, and is having problems with their local DMV field office in regards to obtaining/renewing the endorsement on the Class C (NON COMMERCIAL) driver's license, please contact Sarah Forbus or Jennifer Vallejo with CSTC® at 661-847-8300 for further assistance.

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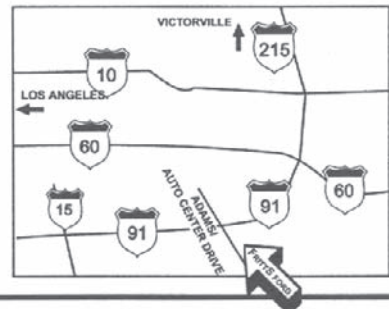
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Riverside County Farm Bureau would like to express our deepest sympathies to those affected by the devastation in the Gulf States. The sense of loss so many are now feeling is unimaginable.

Riverside County Farm Bureau has donated \$500 towards the farm families devastated by Hurricane Katrina and we encourage our members to do the same by donating to "Operation Southern Comfort".

"Operation Southern Comfort" has been established by the Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau to help alleviate some of the cash flow worries of the young farmers and ranchers who were hit hard by Hurricane Katrina.

Please make your checks payable to the G.A.A.T.E. Foundation with "Operation Southern Comfort" in the memo line and mail to Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau, PO Box 1846, Buellton, CA, 93427.

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