



FACT SHEET

Portable Equipment Registration and Permitting Requirements

This document briefly summarizes the basic concepts of a portable engine, portable equipment registration and permitting requirements for the Butte County Air Quality Management District (District). Depending on the use, portable equipment may operate at a stationary source without a District permit provided the equipment is registered with the State of California's portable equipment registration program (PERP).

- Portable equipment is designed and capable of being moved from one location to another and typically has wheels, is mounted on trailer, skid, dolly, or other platforms.
- Portable engines and equipment units can be registered in either the State's Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) or in the District's local portable equipment registration program as implemented in Rule 440-*Portable Equipment Registration*. Both types of registrations are valid in Butte County.
- A portable engine and/or equipment unit is no longer considered portable and is considered a stationary source, requiring a permit, if any of the following occurs:
 - A. The equipment stays at one fixed location/facility for 12 or more consecutive months, or,
 - B. The equipment stays at one fixed location/facility for three cumulative months for two consecutive years of seasonal operation, or,
 - C. The equipment is replaced by another piece of portable equipment performing the same function and the total consecutive time is more than either A or B above, or,
 - D. The equipment is removed from a facility or location only for the purpose of circumventing the times listed in A or B above, or,
 - E. The equipment is mechanically attached to a stationary foundation, or,
 - F. The equipment violates the conditions of registration, or,
 - G. The equipment is installed as a component of an existing, permitted stationary source and/or used as a replacement for a portion of the permitted source or to increase throughput of the source, or,
 - H. The equipment is used to increase the production capacity of the main business activity at an existing permitted stationary source.
- Registered portable engines and equipment units can be operated during qualifying emergency events without additional authorization. An emergency event is a sudden, unforeseen event that threatens public health and safety.