



South Coast Air Quality Management District Executive Order 25-01

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California on January 7, 2025, proclaimed a State of Emergency for the County of Los Angeles resulting from widespread fires and high winds; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclamation declared that the fires are causing imminent threat to life with Red Flag warnings in effect in Los Angeles County and widespread dangerous windstorm conditions with damaging wind gusts of 50 to 80 miles forecasted; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclamation states that fire and windstorm conditions threaten structures, homes, and critical infrastructure, including power lines and water tanks; and

WHEREAS, the wind and fire conditions have caused many power blackouts and may cause the use of emergency standby engines, as defined in Rule 1110.2(c)(6), beyond the limits set forth in applicable South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) rules and in their permits; and

WHEREAS, engines used for emergency power purposes are limited in their operation by Rule 1110.2 and by their South Coast AQMD permits to no more than 200 hours per year; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Rule 118(d)(1), I hereby determine and declare that strict compliance with Rules 203(b), 1110.2(i)(B), 1303, 1304(a)(4), 1401, 1401.1, and 2005(k)(5), and any rules or permit conditions limiting hours of operation for emergency internal combustion engines would delay critical actions necessary to protect public health or safety, and that continued operation is necessary for emergency power generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me pursuant to South Coast AQMD Rule 118(d)(1), I hereby suspend applicable sections of Rules 203(b), 1110.2(i)(B), 1303, 1304(a)(4), 1401, 1401.1, and 2005(k)(5), and any other rules or permit conditions limiting hours of operation of emergency internal-combustion engines, to the extent such engines are used to provide emergency power or to combat the wildfires. Any usage during the period of suspension will not be counted when calculating and determining compliance with any applicable annual limitations on hours of operation of the engines. Engine operators shall maintain hourly records of all engine usage, including usage and the date of usage under this Order. All other terms and conditions of the permit and other air quality rule requirements will remain in full force and effect.

This order shall expire at 11:59 pm on January 17, 2025, unless further extended by Executive Order pursuant to Rule 118.

Dated: January 8, 2025



Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer