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RULE 118.1 PUBLIC SAFETY PROVISIONS FOR STATIONARY EMERGENCY STANDBY ENGINES

(a) Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to exclude eligible operating hours for emergency standby internal combustion engines operating at a critical service facility due to a Public Safety Power Shutoff event.

(b) Applicability

This rule shall apply to an owner or operator of an emergency standby engine with a South Coast AQMD permit condition that limits the operation to no more than 200 hours per year located at a critical service facility.

(c) Definitions

For the purpose of this rule the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) **CRITICAL SERVICE FACILITY** means an Essential Public Service as defined in Rule 1302, sewage pumping plants, pumping plants used for recycled water as defined in Title 22, Section 60304 of the California Code of Regulations, natural gas delivery facilities, health facilities as defined in Section 1250 of the California Health and Safety Code, and facilities used exclusively for telecommunications including radio and cell towers.
- (2) **EMERGENCY STANDBY ENGINE** means an engine that operates as a temporary replacement for primary mechanical or electrical power during periods of fuel or energy shortage, loss of power, or while the primary power supply is under repair.
- (3) **IMMINENT SHUTOFF NOTIFICATION** means a notification by a Utility Distribution Company sent to entities in a specific geographic area of an anticipated power shutoff due to a Public Safety Power Shutoff event.
- (4) **PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF EVENT** means an event where a Utility Distribution Company may temporarily turn off power to specific geographic areas as allowed by the California Public Utilities Commission to proactively reduce the likelihood that their infrastructure could cause or

contribute to a wildfire. This definition does not include a rotating outage as ordered by a Utility Distribution Company.

- (c) (5) **UTILITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY** means one of several organizations that manage energy transmission and distribution within the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction for electric power primarily in the grid system overseen by the California Public Utilities Commission or by a special-purpose district or other jurisdiction, including municipal districts or municipalities.

(d) **Provisions for Excluding Public Safety Power Shutoff Events**

- (1) An owner or operator of an emergency standby engine at a critical service facility that operates an emergency standby engine may elect to exclude operating hours that occurred during a Public Safety Power Shutoff event as specified in paragraph (d)(2) from the 200 hour annual operating limit specified in a South Coast AQMD permit or another South Coast AQMD rule, provided the owner or operator:

- (A) Notifies the Executive Officer pursuant to the notification requirements in subdivision (e); and
- (B) Prepares and maintains a summary report pursuant to the requirements in subdivision (f).

- (2) An owner or operator of an emergency standby engine at a critical service facility that elects to exclude operating hours from the 200 hour annual operating limit specified in a South Coast AQMD permit or another South Coast AQMD rule, shall be limited to excluding operating hours that occurred during a Public Safety Power Shutoff event for any of the following time periods:

- (A) When power was shut off, beginning on the date and time the power was shut off until the date and time the power was restored;
- (B) For each emergency standby engine that operates prior to the time the power was shut off or after the time the power was restored, up to three hours for each imminent shutoff notification received provided:
 - (i) The three hours is in association with the imminent shutoff notification received; and
 - (ii) The cumulative number of hours is no more than 50 hours per calendar year; or

- (d) (2) (C) When power was shut off due to repair activities that are associated with a Public Safety Power Shutoff event, beginning on the date and time the power was shut off pursuant to subparagraph (d)(2)(A) until the date and time the power was restored.

(e) Notification Requirements

An owner or operator of an emergency standby engine at a critical service facility that elects to exclude operating hours pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) that occurred during a Public Safety Power Shutoff event pursuant to subparagraphs (d)(2)(A) through (d)(2)(C) shall:

- (1) Notify the Executive Officer by calling 1-800-CUT-SMOG within 48 hours of the time that the operator knew that an emergency standby engine exceeded the 200 hour annual operating limit specified in a South Coast AQMD permit or another South Coast AQMD rule for the calendar year; and
- (2) Provide the following information in the notification:
 - (A) Facility name;
 - (B) Facility Identification Number;
 - (C) Facility contact person and phone number;
 - (D) Permit number of emergency standby engine; and
 - (E) Estimated number of hours the facility operated the emergency standby engine due to a Public Safety Power Shutoff event pursuant to subparagraphs (d)(2)(A) through (d)(2)(C).

(f) Summary Report

If the exclusion of operating hours of an emergency standby engine during time periods specified under in subparagraphs (d)(2)(A) through (d)(2)(C) prevents an engine from exceeding the 200 hour annual operating limit specified in a South Coast AQMD permit or another South Coast AQMD rule and the owner or operator elects to exclude such operating hours, then the owner or operator of an emergency standby engine at a critical service facility shall:

- (1) No later than January 15th following the calendar year that the emergency standby engine would have exceeded the 200 hour annual operating limit, prepare a report that includes:
 - (A) The total operating hours for the calendar year;

- (f) (1) (B) The total operating hours for the calendar year that are associated with a Public Safety Power Shutoff event pursuant to subparagraphs (d)(2)(A) through (d)(2)(C);
- (C) The date when the Executive Officer was notified pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (e); and
- (D) Supporting documentation such as a notification or correspondence from the utility distribution company of eligible operating hours for each Public Safety Power Shutoff event including:
 - (i) Date and time of imminent shutoff (if applicable);
 - (ii) Date and time of power shutoff; and
 - (ii) Date and time of power restoration.
- (2) Maintain the report specified in paragraph (f)(1) onsite for at least five years and make the report available to the Executive Officer upon request.