

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AT THE HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL ENGINE WORKSHOPS

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1. What is the Heavy-Duty Diesel Engine Requirements Rule?

It is a rule that adopts the California Air Resources Board (CARB) heavy-duty diesel engine standards. Generally, it requires that the heavy-duty diesel engine in a new vehicle must have a CARB Executive Order number. Dealers in Georgia cannot sell new heavy-duty vehicles beginning with the 2005 model year unless the engine has a CARB Executive Order number.

2. What is the purpose of the Heavy-Duty Diesel Engine Requirements Rule?

The purpose of this rule is to limit nitrogen oxide emissions by requiring manufacturers to continue certifying their heavy-duty diesel engines in the same manner as required in the Heavy-Duty Engine Manufacturers' Consent Decrees.

3. What is a CARB Executive Order number?

CARB Executive Order number is a number assigned to heavy-duty engines that have been CARB certified. CARB certified means that the heavy-duty diesel engine has undergone emission testing as set forth in the CARB heavy-duty engine standards and the emissions are at or below the standards. California is the only state in the country that has its own emission standards.

4. How often and when are the annual reports required to be submitted?

Reports for the Heavy-Duty Diesel Engine Requirements Rule will be due once each year by the close of business each March 1st for the previous model year. For example, the 2005 annual

report (January 1st through December 31st) will be due March 1, 2006.

5. Who will be responsible for submitting annual reports?

Anyone who imports, sells, delivers, leases, or rents engines or heavy-duty vehicles to fleets and the public are required to report. This typically includes dealerships, leasing companies, and rental companies. Fleets will be required to report if they import vehicles into Georgia. In other words, if a fleet does not receive their vehicles from a business in Georgia, the fleet will need to report the vehicles. A fleet may meet their reporting requirement if the out of state business from whom they are receiving the vehicles will perform the reporting on their behalf. The reports must include contact information about the business, additional business locations (if any), and summary information on new heavy-duty diesel vehicles and engines sold, leased, imported, or rented in Georgia.

6. Will EPD sent out reminder notices about the annual reports each year?

EPD will send out reminder letters about the reporting requirements at the end of each calendar year. However, please note that businesses remain responsible for annual reporting with or without a reminder letter from EPD.

7. How will EPD check compliance?

EPD will perform periodic audits of fleets and dealerships as well as review the annual reports to evaluate compliance.

8. Does this rule cover out-of-state purchases?

Yes, if the vehicle is imported into Georgia.

9. Are public transit buses exempt from this rule?

Urban buses are typically exempt from the Heavy-Duty Diesel Engine Requirements Rule, but they are required to meet more

stringent EPA particulate emission standards. An Urban Bus is a heavy-duty vehicle capable of carrying 15 or more passengers and is normally operated by a transit system. Additionally, urban buses are intended primarily for intra-city operations, characterized by short rides and frequent stops, equipped with at least one set of quick-operating entrance and exit doors, and equipped with fare collection devices. Please note that school buses are **not** classified as urban buses and would be covered by the rule.

10. Does this new rule apply to new engines only?

Yes.

11. What about older model vehicles with newer engines?

If the engine is a 2005 or newer engine, the rule applies, which means the engine must have a CARB Executive Order.

12. What if an engine is rebuilt or a rebuilt engine is purchased?

The rule does not apply to rebuilt engines, whether purchased or rebuilt. Please note that engines must be rebuilt to meet the same emission standards to which they were originally certified.

13. Does this rule cover foreign engines as well?

Yes.

14. Does this rule cover off-road vehicles as well?

No, this rule does not apply to non-road vehicles or engines.

15. Does this rule apply to electric hybrid engine / vehicle combinations?

A heavy-duty electric hybrid vehicle typically has a drive train that includes a diesel engine coupled to an electric motor. If the hybrid engine/vehicle is powered by diesel and will be placed in a

vehicle that has a GVWR greater than or equal to 14,001 lbs, the rule applies.

16. Is the rule only in effect for two years?

No, this rule does not have an end date, i.e. "sunset provision", and will remain in effect until it is amended or rescinded.

17. Will fleets still have to report to the Clean Fuel Fleet Program and have the reporting requirements for that program changed?

The reporting and purchase requirements for the Clean Fueled Fleet Program are still in effect and have not changed as a result of the HDDE Requirements Rule.

18. Will this rule expand the metro-Atlanta light-duty gasoline vehicle Inspection and Maintenance requirements to heavy-duty diesel engines?

Currently, no plans exist to expand the light-duty gasoline Inspection/Maintenance Program to heavy-duty diesel engines.