



Regulatory Advisory

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Addressing Compliance for a Recalled PM Retrofit

In September 2012, the Air Resources Board issued Mail-Out 12-20 to address compliance for fleets affected by the recall of the LongMile diesel particulate matter (PM) filter system. This advisory extends the time initially provided for affected vehicles to continue operating in compliance with the following regulations:

- Transit Fleet Vehicle Regulation
- Urban Bus Regulation
- Public Agency and Utility Fleet Regulation
- Solid Waste Collection Vehicle Regulation

This advisory does not apply to engines and vehicles subject to regulations that are not identified above.

Background

The Air Resources Board (ARB) has adopted a number of regulations that require diesel engine owners to take steps to reduce their engine emissions. Nearly all trucks and buses with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds that operate in California are required to be upgraded to reduce exhaust emissions. To comply with these requirements, fleet owners were required to upgrade existing engines by installing verified diesel PM filters, or by upgrading to cleaner engines or vehicles. These regulations are part of the State's plan to meet federal ambient air quality standards and to protect public health.

Continued Operation of a Recalled PM Filter Retrofit

Vehicles that became subject to the LongMile recall and have an installed Cleaire Muffler Module (CMM) may continue to operate until August 16, 2017, as long as the vehicle remains in the fleet. The extended period does not apply to vehicles where the owner was reimbursed for the cost of the original purchase. After August 16, 2017, the CMM must be removed and replaced with another available Level 3 PM filter retrofit.

More Information

For further information about ARB's diesel regulations, please visit www.arb.ca.gov/truckstop or call 1-866-6DIESEL (866-634-3735), or email us at 8666diesel@arb.ca.gov. For information about PM filters that are verified by ARB, please visit www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/decsinstall/decsinstall.htm.