

California Air Resources Board's Exclusive Emergency Operation Requirements for Two-Engine Water-Well Drilling Rig Vehicles Operating in Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Tuolumne Counties

Emergency Operations are those which are “helping to alleviate an immediate threat to public health or safety... Routine maintenance or construction to prevent public health risks does not constitute emergency operation” (Off-Road Regulation). Effective starting April 8, 2017, [Executive Order B-40-17](#) terminates the January 17, 2014 Drought State of Emergency for all counties in California **except the counties of Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Tuolumne**.

For the auxiliary engine (powers the drilling):

1. May temporarily operate the auxiliary engine (regardless of tier level) for water well drilling purposes under the Statewide Portable Engine Registration Program's (PERP) Emergency Event provisions.
2. The operator must notify the California Air Resources Board (ARB) within 24 hours of commencing operation.
3. Notifications may be done through submission of Form 40, “Notification of Operation in an Emergency Event”, available at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/perp-application-record-keeping-reporting-forms>

The form may be submitted by email to portable@arb.ca.gov or mailed to:

ARB/PERP
P.O. Box 2038
Sacramento, CA 95812

4. For assistance or if you have any questions, contact PERP staff via e-mail at portable@arb.ca.gov. For a list of PERP staff contact information, please visit the PERP homepage located at www.arb.ca.gov/portable/portable.htm#contacts

For both the main engine (propels the vehicle) and the auxiliary engine:

1. May operate (including out-of-state vehicles brought into CA) a two-engine water-well drilling rig vehicle of any age (regardless of engine tier level) only if operated within the following counties in California: Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Tuolumne.
2. Report into DOORS within three months of initial operation (if emergency operation lasts longer than three months). Both engines of the two-engine vehicle must be reported. https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/ssldoors/doors_reporting/doors_login.html
3. Label both sides of the vehicle with the assigned Equipment Identification Number (EIN) within 30 days of reporting (EIN will be assigned after reporting).
4. Report annually by March 1st based on the fleet size* (applies to large and medium fleets now; will apply to small fleets beginning in 2018). Additional information is available at https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/faq/roar_faq.pdf.
5. Maintain vehicle records. For more information, see <https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/faq/recordkeepingfaq.pdf>.
6. Existing vehicles operating in California prior to the State of Emergency may be exempted from emission performance standards if their non-emergency hours of operation are less than 200 hours/year.
7. For non-emergency use (i.e., operation in all other counties) and use after the conclusion of the emergency, contact staff at **1-877-593-6677** or doors@arb.ca.gov. Additional and immediate requirements may apply.

* Fleet size is based on the total horsepower (hp) of all vehicles subject to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation. Small fleet: ≤ 2,500 hp; medium fleet: 2,501-5,000 hp; large fleet: > 5,000 hp.

NOTE: In addition to meeting the above ARB requirements, operators must have a C57 License (Water Well Drilling Contractor) from the California Contractors State License Board (CSLB).
<https://www.cslb.ca.gov/onlineservices/checklicensell/checklicense.aspx>