Self-propelled off-road diesel vehicles that may require registration as portable equipment FAQ

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Q – Equipment that generates particulate matter (PM) dust when it operates may be required to be registered as portable equipment. If this equipment is part of a self-propelled off-road diesel-powered vehicle, is this vehicle still subject to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulation (Off-Road Regulation)?

A – Yes. In some air districts, there are emission control requirements for equipment generating PM due to operations such as rock drilling, quarrying, and crushing. In these air districts, the equipment, not the engine, creating the PM dust may be required to be permitted through the local air district. If the vehicle is self-propelled, the engine providing motive power to the vehicle would not be covered by an air district permit; however, the engine would be subject to the Off-Road Regulation.