

Frequently Asked Questions In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation

Yard Truck FAQs

Q - I have some yard trucks in my fleet. Are they subject to the in-use off-road diesel vehicle regulation?

A - Yard trucks, which can also be called yard dogs, yard goats, yard jockeys, yard tractors, hostlers, stevedoring tractors, utility tractor rigs (UTRs), or port tractors, are trucks used in moving trailers and containers short distances around freight terminals, port facilities, warehouses, and other facilities. Yard trucks would be regulated by one of the three following regulations:

- (1) The in-use off-road diesel vehicle regulation (off-road regulation),
- (2) The regulation for mobile cargo handling equipment at ports and intermodal rail yards (cargo handling regulation), or
- (3) The proposed statewide truck and bus regulation.

The regulation governing each yard truck is determined by the engine installed in the yard truck (on- or off-road engine), as well as where and how the yard truck is used.

If a yard truck is used at a port or intermodal rail yard, it is regulated under the cargo handling regulation, regardless of whether it has an on-road or off-road engine. More information about this regulation can be found at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/cargo/cargo.htm>.

Yard trucks with off-road engines that are not subject to the cargo handling regulation are regulated by the in-use off-road diesel vehicle regulation, unless they are used for agricultural operations as discussed below.

All other yard trucks not subject to the cargo handling or off-road regulations would be regulated by the proposed statewide truck and bus regulation. This includes yard trucks used a majority of the time for agricultural operations or the first processing of agricultural products, even if the yard truck contains an off-road engine. For more information about this regulation, you can visit the website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/onrdiesel.htm>.

Q - What if I currently have off-road engines in my yard trucks and I want to replace the engines with on-road engines?

A - Yard trucks that contain off-road engines, and are subject to the off-road regulation, can be repowered with on-road engines. If an off-road yard

truck is currently subject to the off-road regulation, and the off-road engine is replaced with on-road engine, a fleet owner could either:

- (1) Count the cleaner emissions from the on-road engine towards compliance with the off-road regulation, or
- (2) Remove the repowered vehicle from the off-road regulation completely.

However, if the yard truck is removed from the off-road regulation, it will then be subject to the proposed statewide truck and bus regulation. For more information about this regulation, you can visit the website:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/onrdiesel.htm>.