

Salton Community Services District

Idling Policy

No vehicle or engine subject to this policy may idle for more than 5 consecutive minutes. The idling limits took effect on June 15, 2008, the day that the off-road diesel regulation became effective under California law.

The Districts policy will be in effect for all District Vehicles, Equipment, and Off Road Equipment starting **June 16, 2009**.

Please contact Fred Guibault at 760-394-4455 for more information if this policy is unclear or you have additional questions.

The California Air Resources Board's in-use off-road diesel vehicle regulation contains a limit on unnecessary idling. The regulation states: "No vehicle or engines subject to this regulation may idle for more than 5 consecutive minutes".

The regulation explicitly grants exemptions to the idling limit for the following cases and will consider other circumstances on a case-by-case basis:

- Idling to verify that the vehicle is in safe operating condition
- Idling for testing, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes
- Idling necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed (such as operating a crane, backhoe, loader)
- Idling required to bring the machine system to operating temperature, as specified by the manufacturer
- Idling necessary to ensure safe operation of the vehicle
- Idling to keep equipment (including equipment windows) clear of ice and snow.
- Idling when waiting in line is allowed
- Idling to accomplish secondary functions, such as concrete agitation, load hoisting, pump function, or other necessary functions is allowed.
- Idling to provide air conditioning or heat to ensure the health and safety of the operator is allowed

The Air Resources Board will enforce the Idling Policy under the California Health and Safety Code sec. 39674

- First Time Offense assessed a minimum civil penalty of **\$300**.
- Subsequent penalties can range from **\$1000 to \$10,000**.

All District employees shall follow the Idling Policy as per the newly adopted Salton Community Services District policy:

Any Employee may be suspended, dismissed, demoted or otherwise disciplined for cause, including failure to abide by the above Policy and including, but not limited to the following:

1. Willful or persistent violation of District policies adopted by the Board of Directors.

