

Truck and Bus Regulation Emergency Use for Fire Clean-Up

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This summary describes the allowable emergency mileage deductions available for diesel powered vehicles that performed clean-up work under the Governor's Executive Orders issued in response to the wild fires in 2015 throughout the State including those that were burning in Calaveras, Lake, and Trinity counties.

How is my vehicle affected if used for emergency operations?

The Truck and Bus regulation allows for the exclusion of mileage used during emergency operations for vehicles that are using mileage based flexibility options to comply with the rule. Vehicles used both as an emergency support vehicle as defined in the regulation do not need to consider mileage the vehicle accrues when used for emergency operations in determining whether the vehicle meets its mileage limit, but the fleet owner must report information about the emergency mileage in the TRUCRS reporting system each January.

How are emergency operations and emergency support vehicles defined?

The Truck and Bus regulation defines emergency operations as the "operation of an authorized emergency vehicle or emergency support vehicle to help alleviate an immediate threat to public health or safety. Examples of emergency operation include vehicle used at an emergency event to repair or prevent damage to roads, buildings, terrain, and infrastructure as a result of an earthquake, flood, storm, fire, terrorism, or other infrequent acts of nature. To be considered an emergency support vehicle, it must be dispatched by a local, state, or federal agency. Routine operation to prevent public health risks does not constitute emergency operation."

What did the Governor's Executive Order require?

On July 31, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown issued a State of Emergency due to the wildfire burning throughout the State. On August 27, 2015, he issued Executive Order B-33-2015 (https://www.gov.ca.gov/docs/8.27.15_B-33-15.pdf) establishing a state of emergency in Lake and Calaveras Counties in response to the Butte and Valley wildfires. Executive Order B-33-2015 requires the removal of hazardous material from the affected areas and requires restoration and rehabilitation of timberland, streams, rivers, and other such waterways. Emergency support resulting from the wildfires includes the removal, storage, transportation of hazardous solid waste and debris. Owners under contract to provide these services are considered emergency support vehicles.

Who can exclude their miles when supporting the Butte and Valley wildfire clean-up?

Emergency support vehicles associated with the Butte and Valley wildfires, are limited to trucks that are contracted with Pacific States Environmental Contractors, Inc. under CalRecycle Agreement Nos. DRR15039 and DRR15042 in Lake County, or with Sukut Construction, LLC under CalRecycle Agreement Nos. DRR15038 and DRR15043 in Calaveras County. The mileage accrued in support of these emergency operations will be excluded from the annual mileage total if the vehicle is subject to the Truck and Bus regulation and the owner is using a flexibility option that has an annual mileage limit. Owners should keep a copy of their contract in their vehicle and make it available to ARB upon request.

How do I report to show compliance?

Each year you must report information about all of your trucks that operate in California into the Truck Regulations Upload and Compliance Reporting System (TRUCRS). Each January, you must identify which trucks will be subject to a mileage based extension and report their odometer readings. You must also report any vehicles that you add to your fleet within 30 days of purchase. At the end of the year, owners must report into TRUCRS odometer readings and total miles used during an emergency operation during the year including mileage to and from the work site. TRUCRS is located at https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/ssltrucrsto/trucrs_reporting/login.php.

While this document is intended to assist fleet owners with their compliance efforts, it is the sole responsibility of fleet owners to ensure compliance with the Truck and Bus Regulation.

What recordkeeping is required?

Owners must track the odometer readings at the beginning and end of each emergency event and must keep records. Additionally, the dispatch document from the contractor or a local, state, or federal agency must be kept. All records must be made available to ARB upon request.

Where can I get more information?

Fact sheets, compliance tools and regulatory documents about the Truck and Bus Regulation are available at www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck. If you have questions or wish to obtain this document in an alternative format or language, please call ARB's diesel hotline at (866) 6DIESEL (634-3735). TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.