

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

Captive Attainment Area FAQ July 2013

Q – What is a captive attainment area fleet?

A – Captive attainment area fleets are publicly or privately owned fleets in which all of the vehicles operate exclusively within the following counties: Alpine, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Monterey, Plumas, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Trinity, Tehama, Yuba and the portion of Sonoma County that lies within the boundaries of the North Coast Air Basin. These areas are identified in blue in Figure 1 below. Designation as a captive attainment area fleet is optional but is required if a fleet wants to be treated as a captive attainment area fleet.

Federal and State agencies cannot be considered captive attainment area fleets.



Figure 1: Captive Attainment Areas

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Q – My fleet operates exclusively in the counties above; how do I designate my fleet as a captive attainment area fleet?

A – Designation is done in the Diesel Off-Road Online Reporting System (DOORS). The fleet owner can select this designation in the Edit Fleet/Edit Owner page of their DOORS account. This designation must be made in order for a fleet to be treated as a captive attainment area fleet.

Q – Can a fleet portion be designated as a captive attainment area fleet?

A – Yes, a fleet portion may be designated as a captive attainment area fleet if all of their vehicles operate within the captive attainment area, even if their other fleet portions are not captive attainment area fleets (i.e., the other fleet portions operate outside the captive attainment area).

Q – How does compliance differ?

A – Captive attainment area fleets or fleet portions are subject to the small fleet requirements regardless of overall fleet size. These fleets are restricted to operate only within the above mentioned counties and must label their vehicles with green and white Equipment Identification Numbers (EINs) instead of red and white to signify that they are a captive attainment area fleet.

Q – I am a designated captive attainment area fleet; can I use one of my vehicles in a non-captive attainment area county temporarily?

A – No; captive attainment area fleets may only move vehicles between neighboring captive attainment counties. However, they may not operate outside of the captive attainment counties even for short period of time.

Q – What is the benefit of classifying a small fleet as a captive attainment area fleet?

A – If a fleet is already considered a small fleet, there is no benefit to classifying the fleet as a captive attainment area fleet. Instead, it will restrict the fleet to operate only within select counties and will require special vehicle labeling (green and white EINs versus red and white).

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