

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

Conditional Verification and Deverification of Diesel Emission Control Strategies (DECS) FAQ

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Q - Can I install a conditionally verified DECS for compliance with the Off-Road regulation?

A - Yes. In accordance with ARB's Verification Procedures, fleets may use conditionally verified DECS to satisfy the requirements of in-use emission control regulations. For more information on ARB's Verification Procedures, please see the Verification webpage at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/verdev.htm>

Q - What happens if my conditionally verified DECS fails to become fully verified? Will I be out of compliance with the Off-Road regulation?

A - Fleets using conditionally verified DECS that are not ultimately verified will not be out of compliance with the Off-Road regulation. The Off-Road regulation treats a DECS with conditional verification that fails to become fully verified just like a DECS that is verified and then deverified. Please see discussion of de-verification below.

Q - What happens if I install a Verified Diesel Emission Control Strategy (VDECS) for compliance with the Off-Road regulation, and it later becomes deverified (i.e., the VDECS verification is revoked)?

A - If a VDECS is installed for compliance with the Off-Road regulation, and that VDECS later becomes deverified, the fleet may keep the deverified DECS installed and may continue to count the DECS in its fleet average calculations. Additionally, the fleet may keep any Best Available Control Technology (BACT) credit earned by the installation.

However, if the deverified DECS fails and cannot be repaired, it must be replaced with a VDECS within 90 days (in accordance with the VDECS failure policy located in section 2449(e)(1) of the regulation). For more information on VDECS failure policy, please see the "Removal or Failure of Verified Diesel Emission Control Strategies (VDECS)" FAQ, which is available in the Off-Road regulation Knowledge Center at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/knowcenter.htm>

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