

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

Workover Rigs FAQ Revised May 2011

Q – What is a workover rig?

A – As defined in section 2449(c)(62), a workover rig is a mobile self-propelled rig used to perform one or more remedial operations, such as deepening, plugging back, pulling and resetting liners, on a producing oil or gas well to try to restore or increase the well's production.

Workover rigs are very similar to drill rigs in that they are truck-mounted mobile rigs that travel between job sites on public roads. However, these machines are generally located at the job site for weeks before relocating to a different location. Because of the predominant proportion of work done off-road, workover rigs are included in the scope of the Off-Road Regulation although they can be registered for on-road use.



Workover Rig

Q – My workover rig has an on-road engine, and is registered for on-road use. Is it still subject to the Off-Road Regulation?

A – Yes. All workover rigs, regardless if they contain an off-road or on-road engine, are subject to the requirements of the Off-Road Regulation.

Q – My workover rig currently contains an off-road engine. Will I have to replace the off-road engine with an on-road engine?

A – You will only have to replace the off-road engine with an on-road engine in a workover rig if you are replacing the rig's engine and if you intend to license the workover rig for on-road use. For further information, please see ARB's enforcement advisory on this issue located at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/advs/advs381.pdf>.

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