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Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation Advisory Initial Report and Annual Record Keeping

The Commercial Harbor Craft regulation (regulation) does not require vessel engine owners and operators to submit a yearly report. The initial report that was due to the Air Resources Board (ARB) on March 31, 2009, was a one time requirement. However, owners and operators are required to update this report annually. These updated records do not need to be submitted to the ARB, but must be maintained on the vessel or at a central dockside location. These records are to be made available for inspection upon request by an ARB agent or employee.

The regulation does require a report to be sent to ARB when certain changes in use or ownership occur. These include:

- significant change in engine annual operating hours
- change in vessel use category
- transfer of vessels (e.g. vessel transferred from out of state to Regulated California Waters)
- change of ownership of vessel or engine
- compliance with in-use engine requirements

Please note that the in-use engine emission requirements apply only to diesel engines on vessels used as ferries, excursion vessels, tugboats, and towboats.

If you have questions or concerns about reporting and recordkeeping requirements or any other regulatory requirements, please contact ARB staff for assistance toll-free at 1-888-442-7238, or via e-mail at harborcraft@arb.ca.gov.

Background

The harbor craft regulation, effective November 19, 2008, includes requirements for both new and in-use diesel engines used on commercial harbor craft operating in Regulated California Waters. All owners/operators were required to submit an initial report to ARB by March 31, 2009. (A grace period was administratively granted extending the February 28, 2009 due date). Vessel owners/operators are required to keep a copy of their initial report, updated annually, on the vessel or in a central dockside location to be made available upon request by ARB staff.

The harbor craft regulation requires existing Tier 1 and earlier auxiliary and propulsion diesel engines on in-use ferries, excursion vessels, tugboats, and towboats to meet U.S. EPA Tier 2 or Tier 3 engine emission standards in effect at the time the engine is brought into compliance. There are two harbor craft in-use engine compliance schedules, one for engines on vessels with a home port in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and another for engines on vessels with a home port outside the SCAQMD. Both schedules are based on the engine model year and hours of operation and are designed to replace the oldest, highest-use engines first.

For more information:

To obtain a copy of the harbor craft regulation or other related compliance assistance documents, visit the commercial harbor craft website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/marinevess/harborcraft.htm>. Additional questions may be addressed by calling the toll-free Harbor Craft Help Line at 1-888-442-7238. If you require special accommodation or language needs, please call

1-888-878-2826 or email harborcraft@arb.ca.gov. TTY/TDD/Speech users may dial 711 for a California Relay Service.