



FACT SHEET

Portable Equipment Registration and Permitting Requirements

This document briefly summarizes the basic concepts of portable engine and equipment registration and permitting requirements. More detailed descriptions and examples can be found in the document entitled “Approved Uses of Portable Engines and Equipment Units under the Portable Equipment Registration Program, and Mobile Equipment at Stationary Sources”.

- Portable equipment is designed and capable of being moved from one location to another and typically has wheels, or is mounted on trailer or skid, dolly, or other platform.
- Portable engines and equipment units can register in either the State’s Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) or in the District’s local portable equipment registration program as implemented in Rule 440-*Portable Equipment Registration*. Both types of registrations are valid in Butte County.
- A portable engine and/or equipment unit is no longer considered “portable” and a stationary source permit is required for the engine/equipment if any of the following occurs:
 - A. The engine/equipment stays at one facility or location for 12 or more consecutive months;
 - B. The engine/equipment stays at one facility or location for 3 cumulative months for 2 consecutive years of seasonal operation;
 - C. The engine/equipment is replaced by another piece of portable equipment performing the same function and the total consecutive time is more than either A or B above;
 - D. The engine/equipment is removed from a facility or location only for the purpose of circumventing the times listed in A or B above;
 - E. The engine/equipment is installed as a component of an existing, permitted stationary source, is used as a replacement for a portion of the permitted source, or is used to increase throughput of the source;
 - F. The engine/equipment is attached mechanically to a stationary foundation; or,
 - G. The engine/equipment violates the conditions of registration.
- Registered portable engines and equipment units can be operated for emergency events purposes without additional authorization. An emergency event is a sudden, unforeseen natural disaster that threatens public health and safety.
- Some equipment units have an engine that drives tracks or wheels and also provides power the processing equipment, such as rock crushers or screens. These engines are considered mobile sources and the District is preempted from requiring a registration or permit, unless the engine is being used to provide power to a stationary source. The related process equipment unit (such as a crusher or screen) requires registration or permitting.