

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Webinars: EPA's Air Quality Regulations for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) and Proposed Rule Reconsideration

Dates: Thursday, June 14, 2012, or Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Time, both dates: 1:00-3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Come watch on our "big screen" at the Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection. Just let us know which date you will be attending by emailing us or by calling (336) 703-2440. There is no charge, of course.

This two-part webinar provides an overview of EPA's regulations for stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE), and an update on potential revisions. RICE are used to produce electric power, pump water, and operate compressors. Those familiar with the rules can hear about potential rule revisions by joining the second part. The same agenda is offered on both dates. Under this rule, facilities with stationary emergency engines will need to track their use to avoid exceeding annual hourly limits on non-emergency use. Some non-emergency stationary engines will be subject to emission limits (which may require retrofit), stack testing requirements, and the need to submit initial notifications that were due in August 2010 for compression ignition (diesel) engines and February 2011 for spark ignition (gasoline and gas-fired) engines. These requirements may apply to you! For more information go to http://epa.gov/region1/rice/.

Part 1: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Melanie King of the US EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, the RICE rule writer, will provide an overview of EPA's National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for stationary RICE. She will cover the applicability of the rules, emission standards, and other compliance requirements.

Part 2: 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Melanie King will discuss changes to the RICE NESHAP and NSPS that EPA expects to propose by May 22, 2012 in response to petitions for reconsideration of the RICE NESHAP. Roy Crystal of EPA Region 1 (New England), Heather Valdez of EPA Region 10 (Pacific Northwest), and Alexis North of EPA Region 8 (Rocky Mountain region) will explore compliance issues for key sectors including sand and gravel mining, oil and gas production, and electric power production, and in rural Alaska. They will also present tools for compliance. The webinar will include questions and answers.

Registration

If you prefer, you can register directly with USEPA for either of the webinar dates and watch wherever you wish. Again, the events are free but space is limited. Register early with EPA to retain your webinar seat.

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