New Rules Effective Jan. 1, 2017

Automotive Coatings and Solvents: Amendments to Rule 3.14 & 3.19 will become effective this year. After July 31, 2017, no person shall manufacture, blend, repackage for sale, supply, sell, offer for sale or distribute within the District, any coating with a VOC content in excess of the new limits. After December 31, 2017, no person at any automotive refinishing facility shall possess any VOC-containing product that is not in compliance with the new limits.

Small Boilers/Water Heaters: Rule 3.23 specifically addresses the sale, distribution, and installation of natural gas-fired water heaters, small boilers, and process heaters. The rule was adopted by the FRAQMD Board of Directors on October 3, 2016 and it aims at reducing the amount of ozone-forming NOx within the air district. Rule 3.23 is enforced at the point of sale and as of January 1, 2017 requires that all new units subject to the rule meet specific NOx emission standards. There is no requirement to retrofit or change-out existing units. For additional information on this rule or to see if it applies to you, please contact the FRAQMD Engineering Department.

Agricultural Engine Registration

Diesel Stationary Agricultural engines, such as pumps, are subject to the State’s ATCM for Compression Ignition Engines and must be registered with the District.

Existing Ag Engine Registration holders will receive a renewal notice in early March. The fees associated with the renewal process include the base renewal fee and any additional staff time spent on your registration in the past year. Once paid, the Registration is valid for one year. Review all engines in your fleet and register any newly purchased engines promptly. Any engines brought out of storage must be registered. Please notify the District in writing if you sell or permanently retire any of your engines. If you have questions contact Alamjit Mangat at (530) 634-7659 ext 212 or amangat@fraqmd.org. Intermittent and Low-Use engines will also need to report their usage on the Throughput Reports mailed with the registrations.

Throughput Reports Due Feb 28, 2017

Most FRAQMD stationary source permit holders are required to return 2016 Throughput Reports by February 28, 2017. The Throughput Reports were mailed with your 2017 Permit to Operate in December. The Throughput Report contains your usage information for all permitted devices (gallons of fuel used, hours operated, etc.). The FRAQMD uses the data provided on the Throughput Report for a variety of purposes, including the calculation of emissions for statewide reporting.

For more information or assistance with completing a Throughput Report, please contact Emmanuel Orozco at eorozco@fraqmd.org or (530) 634-7659 ext 208.

Agricultural engine registrations are also required to report their usage for Low-Use and Intermittent engines. These Throughput Reports will be mailed with the registrations and invoices in early March.
The Administrative Division

Lu Ann McKenzie, Administrative Services Officer

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She has lived in the area since 1982 where she resides with her husband, Russ. With four grown children and ten grandchildren, family keeps them both busy and active! When it’s time to enjoy just the two of themselves, LuAnn and her husband hop on their motorcycle and tour other states.

Shelley Channel, Fiscal Assistant

Shelley has worked for the District for 15 years. She started as the Administrative Assistant and for the last 8 years has been the Fiscal Assistant. Shelley’s duties include Deputy Clerk of the Board, Accounts Payable, Accounts Reconciliation, administrative support and customer service.

Shelley has been married to her husband Steve for 18 years. They have 3 sons, 4 daughters, 2 son-in-law’s, 1 daughter-in-law, and 8 grandchildren. They have also been foster parents for 14 years and have had over 52 children in their family. In her spare time she likes to travel to Alaska to visit her parents, kids and grandchildren where they go fishing and hiking. She also likes to go to the beach, mountains and amusement parks with her family here in California.

Erika Broussard, Administrative Assistant

Erika started with the District in November 2016 as an Administrative Assistant. Some of her duties include maintaining records and tracking burn permit issues and activities within the District’s jurisdiction; logging calls from the public regarding burn activities and requirements and providing information regarding burn activities. She also assists in processing accounts receivables by receiving fees and payments and posting receipts into the computer databases.

Erika graduated from Ashford University with a B.A. in Social and Criminal Justice. She was previously employed with the Yuba County Superior Court working in the judicial system as a Court Clerk for approximately 16 years. Erika was born and raised in the Yuba Sutter area and currently resides in Sutter with husband Calvin and three fur-children, Daisy the Papillon, Madison the Rottweiler and Zayda the German Shepherd. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, wine tasting, bike riding and kayaking.

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