

State of Emergency for Energy Reliability

Compliance Assistance Bulletin

August 31, 2022

Extreme Heat Event and Governor's Emergency Proclamation

Extreme heat events with higher-than-average temperatures have been occurring in California. These occurrences have the potential to raise demand and put a strain on California's electricity grid. As a result, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and the Governor's Office have taken steps to boost electricity capacity during these Extreme Heat Events. The Governor issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency concerning electrical dependability for August 31, 2022 through September 7, 2022 as a result of an extreme heat event that is putting and will continue to put significant demand and strain on California's energy grid. The proclamation will allow the use of stationary and portable backup generators, power plants, and other power sources to increase energy production to reduce the strain on California's electrical grid during peak times of the energy emergency. Details regarding suspended requirements are available in the Proclamation.

Please be advised that under the Proclamation, permitted facilities must notify the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District), as well as the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC), within 48 hours if their operations may cause permit conditions to be violated. In addition, within 30 days of operation, such facilities must submit a report to the District, CARB, and the CEC including the following information: the additional fuel used, the additional hours of operation, and the energy produced by that additional use. Please submit these required reports to Compliance@valleyair.org.

To assist in minimizing any negative air quality impacts from increased power generation under the Proclamation, the District advises that facilities continue to reduce emissions as feasible, including considering energy efficiency and conservation measures, and other clean-air actions. The District supports efforts by businesses, public agencies, and residents to reduce energy consumption through a number of potential actions (see recommendations here).

For additional questions, or to submit required information contact the District's Compliance Department at:

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