1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to provide a registration mechanism that satisfies the requirements of and will ensure compliance with California’s Oil and Gas Regulation.

2.0 Applicability

This rule is applicable to owners or operators of equipment subject to California’s Oil and Gas Regulation.

3.0 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined, terms used in this rule are defined in California’s Oil and Gas Regulation.

3.1 Administrative Change: Minor changes to Registrations including, but not limited to the following:

3.1.1 Correction of typographical errors;

3.1.2 Removal of Registered Equipment from a Facility; and

3.1.3 Transfer of location of Registered Equipment within a Facility.

3.2 California’s Oil and Gas Regulation: Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities, 17 CCR § 95665 et seq.

3.3 CARB: California Air Resources Board.

3.4 Equipment Site: A single location within a Facility where Regulated Equipment is located.

3.5 Facility: As defined in 17 CCR § 95667 (a)(19), means any building, structure, or installation to which California’s Oil and Gas Regulation applies and which has the potential to emit natural gas. Facilities include all buildings, structures, or installations which:

3.5.1 Are under the same ownership or operation, or which are owned or operated by entities which are under common control;
3.5.2 Belong to the same industrial grouping either by virtue of falling within the same two-digit standard industrial classification code or by virtue of being part of a common industrial process, manufacturing process, or connected process involving a common raw material; and

3.5.3 Are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties.

3.6 Registered Equipment: An individual device subject to the requirements of California’s Oil and Gas Regulation that has received a Registration under this rule.

3.7 Registration: A document issued by the District to the owner or operator of a Facility subject to California’s Oil and Gas Regulation, which identifies Registered Equipment.

3.8 Regulated Equipment: Equipment having specific requirements under California’s Oil and Gas Regulation, 17 CCR § 95668 (a) through (h).

4.0 Exemptions

4.1 Equipment that is not subject to requirements of 17 CCR § 95668 (Standards) of California’s Oil and Gas Regulation is exempt from the registration requirements of Sections 5.0, 6.0, and 7.0 of this rule.

4.1.1 Notwithstanding Section 4.1, circulation tanks for well stimulation treatments subject to 17 CCR § 95668(b) are exempt from the requirements of this rule.

4.2 Equipment exempted by the following sections of California’s Oil and Gas Regulation are exempt from the registration requirements of Sections 5.0, 6.0, and 7.0 of this rule. Owners or operators shall maintain documentation of the basis of any exemption claimed under the following sections of California’s Oil and Gas Regulation, and shall make such documentation readily available for District inspection upon request:

4.2.1 Separator and tank systems exemptions specified in California’s Oil and Gas Regulation, 17 CCR § 95668 (a)(2);

4.2.2 Reciprocating natural gas compressors exemptions specified in California’s Oil and Gas Regulation, 17 CCR § 95668 (c)(2);

4.2.3 Centrifugal natural gas compressors exemptions specified in California’s Oil and Gas Regulation, 17 CCR § 95668 (d)(2); and
4.2.4 Leak detection and repair exemptions specified in California’s Oil and Gas Regulation, 17 CCR § 95669 (b).

5.0 Requirements

5.1 The owner or operator of existing Regulated Equipment shall submit a complete initial Registration application to the District by March 1, 2018.

5.1.1 Complete initial Registration applications submitted to CARB pursuant to California’s Oil and Gas Regulation 17 CCR § 95674 (b)(2)(A), by January 1, 2018 satisfy this requirement, provided the application includes all information required by Section 6.0 (Registration Application) of this rule. In such cases, owners or operators are not required to submit a separate initial Registration application to the District.

5.2 The owner or operator of newly installed Regulated Equipment at a Facility shall submit a Registration application to the District within 30 days of the addition of Regulated Equipment.

5.3 The owner or operator of Registered Equipment transferred from a different owner or operator shall submit a Registration application to the District within 30 days of the transfer of Registered Equipment.

5.4 Existing equipment that becomes subject to the requirements of California’s Oil and Gas Regulation through loss of exemption shall submit a Registration application to the District within 60 days of loss of exemption.

5.5 Replacement of existing Registered Equipment with the same type of Regulated Equipment at the same Equipment Site is exempt from the Registration application requirements of this rule.

5.6 The District shall issue the Registration within 90 days of receipt of a complete Registration application.

5.7 The owner or operator of Registered Equipment that is removed from a Facility, or that is transferred from one location to another within a single Facility, shall administratively revise the Registration no later than 30 days thereafter.

5.8 Administrative Change to an existing Registration does not require the submittal of a Registration application.

5.9 Registered Equipment is subject to District Rule 3156 (Fees for Registration of Equipment Subject to California’s Oil and Gas Regulation).
5.10 All reporting pursuant to California’s Oil and Gas Regulation, 17 CCR § 95673 (Reporting Requirements) shall be submitted to CARB.

5.11 Nothing in this rule waives any requirement of any District rule or regulation.

6.0 Registration Application

6.1 A complete application for initial Registration or for a Facility newly subject to the registration requirements of this rule shall include the following:

6.1.1 The owner or operator’s name and contact information;

6.1.2 The address or location of each Facility with Regulated Equipment subject to this rule;

6.1.3 The District’s Permit to Operate facility identification number(s) most closely associated with the Facility;

6.1.4 A description of all Regulated Equipment covered by this rule located at each Facility including the following:

6.1.4.1 Each separator and tank system, including the size of each tank and separator in barrels, and the Facility’s unique identifiers;

6.1.4.2 Each reciprocating natural gas compressor, including the Facility’s unique identifier;

6.1.4.3 Each centrifugal natural gas compressor, including the Facility’s unique identifier;

6.1.4.4 A count of all natural gas powered pneumatic devices and pumps at the Facility;

6.1.4.5 Each well casing vent open to the atmosphere, including the Facility’s unique identifier;

6.1.4.6 For each natural gas underground storage Facility:

6.1.4.6.1 Each separator system, including the Facility’s unique identifier;

6.1.4.6.2 Each dehydration system, including the Facility’s unique identifier;
6.1.4.6.3 Each odorizer skid, including the Facility’s unique identifier;

6.1.4.6.4 A list of all production and injection wells, including the Facility’s unique identifiers;

6.1.4.6.5 All reciprocating and centrifugal natural gas compressors, including the Facility’s unique identifiers; and

6.1.4.7 The location of each piece of Registered Equipment at the Facility (UTM or latitude/longitude), except as follows:

6.1.4.7.1 All natural gas powered pneumatic devices and pumps;

6.1.4.7.2 For each piece of Registered Equipment grouped at a setting, such as separator and tank system, only the location of the setting is required; and

6.1.4.7.3 All well casing vents open to the atmosphere.

6.2 A complete Registration application for newly installed Regulated Equipment and for transferred Registered Equipment from a different owner or operator shall include the following information:

6.2.1 The new owner or operator’s name and contact information;

6.2.2 The address or location of the associated Facility;

6.2.3 The District’s associated Registration number; and

6.2.4 A description of the Regulated Equipment to be installed or transferred from a different owner including:

6.2.4.1 The Facility’s Regulated Equipment unique identifier; and

6.2.4.2 The Regulated Equipment location at the Facility (UTM or latitude/longitude), except as allowed Sections 6.1.4.7.1 through 6.1.4.7.3 of this rule.
6.3 Each Registration application specified in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this rule shall include an attestation that all information provided in the Registration application is provided by a party authorized by the owner or operator to do so, and that the information is true and correct.

7.0 Registration Content

Each Registration issued under this rule shall include, at a minimum, the following:

7.1 Facility name, District Permit to Operate facility identification number(s), and mailing address;

7.2 A list of equipment subject to the Registration;

7.3 Location where the equipment will be operated;

7.4 List of all applicable requirements at the time of Registration issuance or renewal; and

7.5 The District’s Registration number.

8.0 CARB Data Inventory Requirement

8.1 By March 1, 2018, and to the extent required by CARB, the owner or operator of facilities or equipment that are regulated by California’s Oil and Gas Regulation shall submit the following required CARB Data Inventory information for each Facility to the District. This requirement is applicable for all equipment and operations listed below, including for equipment not subject to the requirements of Sections 5.0, 6.0, and 7.0 of this rule. The initial inventory pursuant to this section may be submitted concurrently with the initial Registration pursuant to section 5.1.

8.1.1 The owner or operators name and contact information;

8.1.2 The address or location of each Facility with equipment covered by California’s Oil and Gas Regulation;

8.1.3 The number of crude oil or natural gas wells at the Facility;

8.1.4 A list identifying the pressure vessels, tanks, separators, sumps and ponds at the Facility, including the size of each tank and separator in units of barrels;

8.1.5 The annual crude oil, natural gas, and produced water throughput of the Facility;
8.1.6 A list identifying all reciprocating and centrifugal natural gas compressors at the Facility; and

8.1.7 A count of all natural gas powered pneumatic devices and pumps at the Facility.

8.2 Updates to the information required in Section 8.1 must be submitted to the District by March 1 of the calendar year after the calendar year in which the information required above has changed.
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