

Truck Idling Regulations 2009

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) recently compiled idling regulations that are in effect in various jurisdictions across the country. Because these are all local ordinances, it is very difficult for fleets to know what laws govern idling. As a service to the industry, ATRI has given permission to *Fleet Equipment* magazine to publish this compendium.

The following information is for reference purposes only and should not be relied upon for regulatory compliance. Although

every effort has been made regarding both accuracy and current status, the information may contain errors and omissions and is subject to change. Actual state, county or city codes should be referenced for specific requirements. Online users may access these codes on ATRI's website and click on the individual regulations listed.

A "cab card" with all this information is available from ATRI at its Web site: www.atri-online.org/research/idling/Truck_Idling_Regulations.htm.

Arizona Maricopa County

Maximum Idling Time
5 minutes

(30 min. for bus passenger comfort or 60 min/90 min if greater than 75° F)

Fines: \$100 – 1st violation
\$300 – 2nd+ violations

Exemptions

- Traffic or adverse weather conditions
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Power takeoff involving cargo or work functions
- Conform to manufacturer's specifications
- Maintenance or diagnostics
- Hours of service compliance

[Maricopa County Vehicle Idling Restriction Ordinance](#). Maricopa County Air Quality Department (602) 506-6010, www.maricopa.gov/aq

California

Maximum Idling Time
5 minutes

Fines: Minimum \$300
Subsequent penalties can range from \$1,000 to \$10,000

Exemptions

- Bus passengers are onboard or 10 minutes prior to boarding
- Traffic conditions
- Queuing beyond 100 ft. of residential
- Adverse weather conditions or mechanical difficulties
- Vehicle safety inspection
- Service or repair
- Power takeoff involving cargo or work functions
- Prevent safety or health emergency

• Emergency vehicles
[CA Code of Regs, Title 13, Div. 3, Art. 1, Ch. 10, §2485](#). California Air Resources Board (800) 242-4450, www.arb.ca.gov

California City of Sacramento

Maximum Idling Time
5 minutes

(prohibits refrigeration unit operation within 100 ft. of residential or school unless loading/unloading)

Fines: Not <\$100 nor >\$25,000 per violation
(Title 1, Ch. 1.28.010)

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions/control
- Traffic conditions
- Vehicle safety inspection
- Service or repair
- Conform to manufacturer's specifications
- Power takeoffs involving cargo or work functions
- Prevent safety or health emergency
- Hours of service compliance at truck/rest stop
- To recharge hybrid electric vehicles

[Sacramento City Code, Title 8, Ch. 8.116](#). City of Sacramento Department of Transportation (916) 264-5011, www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation

California Placer County

Maximum Idling Time
5 minutes

(prohibits refrigeration unit operation within 1,000 ft. of residential or school unless loading/unloading)

Fines: \$50 Minimum

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions/control
- Traffic conditions
- Vehicle safety inspection
- Service or repair
- Conform to manufacturer's specifications
- Power takeoffs involving cargo or work functions
- Prevent safety or health emergency
- Hours of service compliance at truck/rest stop
- To recharge hybrid electric vehicles
- Operate intermittent equipment
- Alternatively fueled vehicles
- Attainment areas

[Placer County Code, Article 10.14 Placer County Air Pollution Control District](#) (530) 745-2330 www.placer.ca.gov/airpollution/airpolut.htm

Colorado City of Aspen

Maximum Idling Time
5 minutes within any 1 hour

Fines: \$1,000 maximum and/or 1 year imprisonment (\$1.04.080)

Exemptions

- Safety reasons
- To achieve an engine temperature of 120° F and an air pressure of 100 lbs./sq. in.

[City of Aspen Municipal Code §13.08.110 Aspen Environmental Health Department](#) (970) 920-5039, <http://www.aspenpitkin.com/depts/44/>

Colorado City & County of Denver

Maximum Idling Time

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10 minutes in any 1-hour period

Fines: Not >\$999 and/or 1-year imprisonment (DMC §1-13)

Exemptions

- Less than 20° F for previous 24-hour period
- Less than 10° F
- Emergency vehicles
- Traffic conditions
- Being serviced
- Auxiliary equipment

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Denver Municipal Code §4-43.

Denver Department of Environmental Health, Division of Environmental Quality (720) 865-5452, www.denvergov.org/DEQ

Connecticut

Maximum Idling Time

3 minutes

Fines: Not >\$5,000 per week (RCSA Title 22a §174-12(c))

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties
- Ensure safety or health of driver/passengers
- Auxiliary equipment
- Conform to manufacturer's specifications
- Less than 20° F
- Maintenance
- Queuing to access military installation

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Title 22a, §174-18(b)(3). State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection; Bureau of Air Management (860) 424-3027, www.dep.state.ct.us

Delaware

Maximum Idling Time

3 minutes

(15 minutes: 32° to -10° F;

No limit: Less than -10° F)

Fines: \$50 – \$500 per offense (Title 7, Ch. 60, §6005 & §6013)

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties
- Conform to manufacturer's

specifications

- Repair
- Emergency vehicles
- Using auxiliary equipment/power takeoff
- Power during sleeping or resting beyond 25 miles of truck stop with available electrified equipment
- Vehicle safety inspections

Regulation 45, Excessive Idling of Heavy Duty Vehicles. Delaware

Division of Air & Waste Management (302) 739-9402,

www.awm.delaware.gov/

District of Columbia

Maximum Idling Time

3 minutes

(5 minutes if less than 32° F)

Fines: \$500, doubles for each subsequent violation

Exemptions

- Power takeoff

District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Title 20, §900.1. District of Columbia Department of Health Environmental Health Administration Air Quality Division (202) 535-2257, www.dchealth.dc.gov

Florida

NEW

Maximum Idling Time

5 minutes

Fines: TBD

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Verify vehicle is safe to operate
- Power work-related operations
- Prevent safety or health emergency
- Sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth (exemption expires Sept. 30, 2013)

Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling Reduction.

Department of Environmental Protection, Air Resource Management

(850) 488-0114,

www.dep.state.fl.us/Air

Georgia

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Maximum Idling Time

To be determined

Exemptions

- To be determined
- Eliminating Unnecessary Idling of Heavy-Duty Vehicles. Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch (404) 363-7000, www.georgiaair.org*

Georgia

City of Atlanta

Maximum Idling Time

15 minutes

(25 minutes if less than 32° F for passenger comfort/safety)

Fines: \$500 minimum

Exemptions

- To perform needed work
 - Traffic conditions
 - Natural gas or electric vehicles
- Code of Ordinances §150-97(c). City of Atlanta, Office of Transportation (404) 330-6501, www.atlantaga.gov/Government/PublicWorks*

Hawaii

Maximum Idling Time

“No person shall cause, suffer, or allow any engine to be in operation while the motor vehicle is stationary at a loading zone, parking or servicing area, route terminal or other off street areas...”

(3 minutes for start up/cool down or passenger loading/unloading)

Fines: Not <\$25 nor >\$2,500 per day (106 HRS §342B-47)

Exemptions

- Adjustment or repair
- Auxiliary equipment or power takeoff
- Passenger loading/unloading = 3 min.
- At start-up and cool-down for more than 3 min.

Hawaii Administrative Rules §11-60.1-34. Hawaii State Department of Health, Clean Air Branch (808) 586-4200, <http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/air/cab/index.html>

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Illinois

Cities: Aux Sable, Goose Lake, Oswego
Counties: Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, McHenry, Will, Madison, St. Claire, Monroe

Maximum Idling Time

10 minutes within any 60 minute period (30 minutes within any 60 minute period: Waiting to weigh, load or unload freight; No limit: Less than 32° F or greater than 80° F)

Fines: \$50 – 1st conviction;
\$150 – 2nd & subsequent convictions in 12 month period

Exemptions

- Less than 8,000 lbs. GVWR
- Traffic conditions/controls
- Prevent a safety or health emergency
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Service or repair
- Government inspection
- Power takeoffs involving cargo or work functions
- Resting in a sleeper berth
- Mechanical difficulties
- Queuing

[625 Illinois Combined Statute 5/11-1429](#). Illinois Department of Transportation (217) 782-7820, www.dot.state.il.us

Maine



Maximum Idling Time

5 minutes in any 1 hour period (No limit: < 0° F; 15 min/hr: 0°–32° F)
Fines: \$25 – \$500 — 1st offense; \$150 – \$500 for each subsequent offense (MRSA, §585-K(5))

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions
- Prevent safety or health emergency
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Maintenance, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes
- State or federal inspections
- Power work-related operations
- Sleeper berth a/c or heat during rest or sleep periods
- A/C or heat while waiting to

load/unload

- Mechanical difficulties if receipt of repair is submitted w/in 30 days
- [Public Law, Chapter 582](#). Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles (207) 624-9000, www.maine.gov/sos/bmv

Maryland

Maximum Idling Time

5 minutes
Fines: Not <\$500
(MC § 27-101(b))

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties
 - Heating, cooling or auxiliary equipment
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications
 - Accomplish intended use
- [Maryland Transportation Code §22-402\(c\)\(3\)](#). Maryland Department of the Environment (410) 537-3000, www.mde.state.md.us

Massachusetts

Maximum Idling Time

5 minutes
Fines: Not <\$100 – 1st offense
Not <\$500 for each succeeding offense

Exemptions

- Being serviced
- Delivery for which power is needed & alternatives unavailable
- Associate power needed & alternatives unavailable

[General Laws of Massachusetts Ch. 90: § 16 A](#). Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (617) 292-5500, www.mass.gov/dep

Minnesota

Minneapolis

Maximum Idling Time

0 minutes in residential areas between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. (including refrigeration units)
Fines: \$700 maximum and/or 90 days

imprisonment (*Title 1, Ch. 1*)

Exemptions

- Permitted construction equipment
 - Compliance with traffic signals or signs
 - Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- [Code of Ordinances, City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Title 15, Ch. 389.100\(7\) & \(8\)](#). Minneapolis Environmental Management (612) 673-5897, www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/environment/

Minnesota

City of Owatonna

Maximum Idling Time

15 minutes each 5 hours in residential areas
Fines: \$1,000 maximum and/or 90 days imprisonment (*Chapter XI, Section 1100:00*)

Exemptions

None
[Owatonna City Code, Chapter IX, Section 900:10](#). City of Owatonna (507) 444-4300, www.ci.owatonna.mn.us

Minnesota

City of St. Cloud

Maximum Idling Time

5 minutes, West St. Germain Street from 8th to 10th Avenue
Fines: Not <\$200
(SCOO §706:35)

Exemptions

None
[St. Cloud City Ordinance §700:90](#). City of St. Cloud, Parking Violations (320) 255-7209, www.ci.stcloud.mn.us

Missouri

City of St. Louis

Maximum Idling Time

10 minutes
Fines: Not <\$1 nor >\$500 and/or imprisonment for not >90 days

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(SLCO 64645 §26)

Exemptions

- Emergency vehicles

St. Louis City Ordinance 64645

§14(D). City of St. Louis,

Department of Air Pollution Control

(314) 613-7300, [www.stlouis.](http://www.stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/airpollution)

[missouri.org/citygov/airpollution](http://www.stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/airpollution)

Missouri

St. Louis County

Maximum Idling Time

3 consecutive minutes

Fines: Maximum \$1,000 and/or 1 year imprisonment (§612.390)

Exemptions

- Operating a loading, unloading, or processing device

- Emergency vehicles

St. Louis County Air Pollution

Control Code §612.340. St. Louis

County Air Pollution Control

(314) 615-8924,

<http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/doh/>

[environ/airpollut](http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/doh/environ/airpollut)

Nevada

Maximum Idling Time

15 minutes

Fines: Not <\$100 nor >\$500 – 1st;

Not <\$500 nor >\$1,000 – 2nd;

Not <\$1,000 nor >\$1,500 – 3rd;

Not <\$1,500 nor >\$2,500 – 4th

and subsequent; offense(s) over a 3-year period (NAC445B.727)

Exemptions

- Variance has been issued

- Emergency vehicles

- Snow removal equipment

- Repair or maintain other vehicles

- Traffic congestion

- Maintenance at repair facility

- Emission contained & treated per Commission

- To perform specific task

NV Administrative Code Ch.

445B.576. Nevada Division of

Environmental Protection; Bureau of

Air Pollution Control (775) 687-

9350, www.ndep.nv.gov/bapc

Nevada

Clark County, (including Las Vegas)

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Maximum Idling Time

15 minutes

Fines: Not >\$10,000 (CCAQR §09)

Exemptions

- Variance has been issued

- Emergency vehicles

- Repair or maintain other vehicles

- Traffic congestion

- Emission contained & treated per Control Officer

- To perform a specific task

- Maintenance at repair facility

Clark Co. Air Quality Regs. §45.

Clark County Department of Air

Quality Management

(702) 455-5942,

[http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/aq/)

[depts/daqem/aq/](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/aq/)

Nevada

Washoe County

(including Reno)

Maximum Idling Time

15 minutes

Fines: Not >\$250 – 1st offense

Not <\$250 nor >\$500 – 2nd and

subsequent offenses (WCDBHR

§020.040(E))

Exemptions

- Emergency vehicles

- Snow removal equipment

- Repair or maintain other vehicles

- Traveling on public right-of-way

- To perform specific task

- Maintenance at repair facility

Washoe Co. District Board of Health

Regs. §040.200. Washoe County

District Health Department, Air

Quality Management

(775) 784-7200,

www.co.washoe.nv.us/health

New Hampshire

Maximum Idling Time

5 minutes if greater than 32° F

(15 minutes: 32° F to –10° F)

Fines: TBD

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions

- Emergency vehicles

- Power takeoff or heat/cool passengers

- Maintenance or diagnostics

- Defrost windshield

- Less than –10° F

Air Resources Division Admin. Rules

Env-A 1101.05. New Hampshire

Department of Environmental

Services, Air Resources Division

(603) 271-1370,

www.des.state.nh.us

New Jersey

Maximum Idling Time

3 minutes (15 min. if stopped for ≥3

hrs & <25° F

Fines: \$100 for 1st; \$200 for 2nd;

\$500 for 3rd; \$1,500 for 4th;

and subsequent offenses.

(NJAC 7:27A3.10)(m)(14))

Penalties: For commercial vehicle and

property owner, \$250 for 1st violation,

\$500 for 2nd violation, \$1,000 for 3rd

and each subsequent violation.

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions

- Mechanical operations

- Waiting or being inspected

- Performing emergency services

- Being repaired or serviced

- Use of sleeper berth in non-residential areas (before April 30, 2010)

- Auxiliary power unit/generator set, bunk heaters, etc.

New Jersey Administrative Code Title

7, Ch. 27-14.3. New Jersey State

Department of Environmental

Protection, Air Quality Management,

Regulatory Development (609) 292-

2795, www.state.nj.us/dep/aqm

New York

Maximum Idling Time

5 minutes

Fines: Not <\$375 nor >\$15,000 – 1st

offense; Not >\$22,500 – 2nd

offense & subsequent offenses

(NYSCL Ch. 43-B,

§71,2103(1))

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Exemptions

- Traffic conditions
- Comply with passenger comfort laws
- Auxiliary power or maintenance
- Emergency vehicles
- Within mines or quarries
- Parked for more than 2 hrs. & less than 25° F
- State Inspections
- Recharging hybrid electric vehicles
- Farm vehicles
- Electric vehicles

New York Code of Rules & Regulations Title 6, Ch. 3 Part 217-3.2. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Division of Air Resources (518) 402-8292, www.dec.state.ny.gov

New York City

Maximum Idling Time

3 minutes

Fines: Not <\$50 nor >\$500 and/or imprisonment for 20 days – 1st; Not <\$100 nor >\$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not >30 days – 2nd offense; Not <\$400 nor >\$5,000 and/or imprisonment for not >4 months – 3rd & subsequent offenses. (NYCAC 24-190(g))

Exemptions

- Emergency vehicles
- Operate loading, unloading or processing device

New York City Administrative Code Title 24-163. New York City Department of Environmental Protection (212) 639-9675, www.nyc.gov/dep

New York New Rochelle

Maximum Idling Time

5 minutes

Fines: Not more than \$50 and/or 15 days imprisonment – 1st offense; Not more than \$100 and/or 45 days imprisonment – 2nd offense within 18 months; Not more than \$250 and/or 90 days imprisonment – 3rd & subsequent offenses within 18 months (CCNR §312-68)

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions
- Comply with passenger comfort laws
- Auxiliary power or maintenance
- Emergency vehicles
- Within mines or quarries
- Parked for more than 2 hrs. & less than 25° F
- State inspections
- Recharging hybrid electric vehicles
- Farm vehicles
- Electric vehicles

Code of the City of New Rochelle, Part II, Ch. 312, Art. II, §312-33. City of New Rochelle, Code Enforcement/Abatement (914) 654-2051, www.newrochelleny.com

New York Rockland County

Maximum Idling Time

3 consecutive minutes

Fines: Not >\$250 and/or 15 days imprisonment for 1st; not >\$1,000 and/or 15 days imprisonment for 2nd & subsequent offenses (LL #4, § 4)

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions
- Comply with passenger comfort laws
- Power for auxiliary purposes
- Maintenance
- Performing emergency services

Laws of Rockland Co. Part II, Ch. 377. Rockland County Department of Health (845) 364-2512, www.co.rockland.ny.us/health/

North Carolina

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Maximum Idling Time

To be determined

Exemptions

- To be determined
- Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling Restrictions.** Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Air Quality (919) 733-3340, www.daq.state.nc.us

Pennsylvania

NEW

Maximum Idling Time

5 minutes in any 1 hour period (15 min/hr if sampling, weighing, or loading or unloading)

Fines: \$150 – \$300 per offense (plus civil penalties up to \$1,000)

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions
- Prevent safety or health emergencies
- Comply with manufacturer's specifications
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Maintenance or repair
- Government or security inspections
- Power work-related operations
- Mechanical difficulties
- Sleeper berth a/c or heat during rest or sleep periods when temperatures < 40° F or > 75° F and parked legally (exemption expires May 1, 2010)
- Vehicles with CARB low-NOx idle labels

Diesel Idling Reduction Rule.

Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality (717) 787-9702,

www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/aa

Pennsylvania Allegheny County

Maximum Idling Time

5 minutes

(20 min./hour if less than 40° F or more than 75° F)

Fines: Warning – 1st offense; \$100 – 2nd offense; \$500 – 3rd & subsequent offenses

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions
- Boarding & discharging passengers
- Queuing
- Cool down/warm up per manufacturer's recommendations
- Sleeping/resting in truck
- Safety inspections
- Ensure safe operation
- Emergency vehicles
- Power accessory or service equipment
- Repair or diagnostics

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County of Allegheny Ordinance No. 16782, §2105.92. Allegheny County Health Department, Air Pollution Control (412) 687-2243, www.achd.net

Pennsylvania City of Philadelphia

Maximum Idling Time
2 minutes or 0 minutes for layovers (5 min. if less than 32° F) (20 min. if less than 20° F)
Fine: \$300
Exemptions
None
Air Management Reg. IX §3(A). Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Air Management Services (215) 685-7578, www.phila.gov/health/

Rhode Island

Maximum Idling Time
5 minutes in any 1 hour period (No limit: <0° F; 15 min./hr. between 0° and 32° F)
Fines: Not >\$100 – 1st offense; Not >\$500 for each succeeding offense (APCR §45.6)

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions
- Ensure health or safety of driver/passengers
- Power work-related operations
- Sleeper cabs during federally mandated rest periods (exemption expires July 1, 2010)
- Maintenance, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes
- State or federal inspections
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Auxiliary power unit/generator set

Air Pollution Control Regulation No.45. Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources (401) 222-6800, www.dem.ri.gov

South Carolina

NEW

Maximum Idling Time
10 minutes in any 1 hour period

Fines: \$75 for each offense (effective July 1, 2009) (SCCL §56-35-40)

Exemptions

- Traffic conditions
- Prevent safety or health emergency
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Maintenance, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes
- State or federal inspections
- Power work-related operations
- Sleeper berth a/c or heat during (a) rest or sleep periods; (b) <40° F or >80° F; or (c) at rest areas, terminals, truck stops or legal parking locations >500 ft. from homes or schools
- While waiting to load/unload

South Carolina Code of Laws 56-35-10. State Transport Police (803) 896-5500, www.scstp.org

Texas

Cities: Austin, Bastrop, Elgin, Lockhart, Round Rock, San Marcos
Counties: Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson

Maximum Idling Time
5 minutes, April – October (30 minutes for bus passenger comfort or transit operations)
Fine: Varies by jurisdiction
Exemptions

- 14,000 lbs. GVW or less
- Traffic conditions
- Emergency or law enforcement
- To perform needed work
- Maintenance or diagnostics
- Defrost windshield
- Airport ground support
- Rented/leased vehicles
- Hours of service compliance

Texas Administrative Code Title 30 § 114.512. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (512) 239-1000, www.tceq.state.tx.us

Utah

Maximum Idling Time
“A person operating or in charge of a

motor vehicle may not permit the vehicle to stand unattended without: (a) stopping the engine...”

Fines: Not >\$750 and/or not >90 days imprisonment (UC 76-3-204; 301)

Exemptions

None
Utah Code Title 41-6a-1403. Utah Department of Public Safety (801) 965-4461, www.publicsafety.utah.gov

Utah Salt Lake County

Maximum Idling Time
15 minutes
Fines: Not >\$1,000 and/or not >6 months imprisonment – 1st; Not >\$2,500 and/or not >1 year imprisonment – 2nd & following; offense(s) within 2 years (UC 76-3-204; 301)

Exemptions

- Power refrigeration unit if greater than 500 ft. from any residence
- Heat/cool sleeper berth if greater than 500 ft. from any residence
- Emergency vehicles

Salt Lake City-County Health Dept. Regulation #28 4.1.9. Salt Lake Valley Health Department, Environmental Health Services, Air Pollution Control (801) 313-6720, www.slwhealth.org/eh/air

Virginia

Maximum Idling Time
10 minutes for diesel vehicles (3 minutes for all other vehicles) in commercial or residential urban areas
Fines: Not >\$25,000 (CV 10.1-1316)
Exemptions

- Auxiliary power

Virginia Administrative Code, Title 9, 5-40-5670(B). Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality (804) 698-4000, www.deq.state.va.us/air

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