



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

# EMERGENCY GENERATORS & PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS) EVENTS FOR BUSINESSES

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## If you need a diesel generator, be aware of permit and registration requirements.

- APCD permits are required for diesel engines 50 bhp or greater.
- Agricultural engines are subject to state rules and requirements administered by the APCD.
  - An APCD agricultural registration is required for agricultural diesel engines 50 bhp or greater.
  - Agricultural engines must meet Tier 4 final standards.
- CUPA may have requirements for fuel storage; contact them before installing:
  - <http://countyofsb.org/phd/ehs/cupa.sbc>

## You can use your permitted emergency standby generator during a PSPS event and be compliant with air quality requirements if:

- You are within an outage area, and
- You use the generator only when the outage has occurred and only during the outage.

## Diesel exhaust contains toxic air contaminants and has been linked to lung cancer and other adverse health effects.

- Consider alternatives to diesel generators:
  - Battery and solar are the cleanest and safest options.
  - Other options include gasoline, natural gas, and propane.
- Be a good neighbor. Consider effects of noise and exhaust on others.

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