

CHAPTER 62-285 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION

62-285.420 Purpose and Scope. (Effective 12/15/08)

62-285.420 Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling Reduction.

(1) Applicability. This rule applies to any heavy-duty diesel engine powered motor vehicle. For the purposes of this rule:

(a) Heavy-duty diesel engine powered motor vehicle means a motor vehicle:

1. With a gross vehicle weight rating equal to or greater than 8,500 pounds;
2. Used on roads for the transportation of passengers or freight; and
3. Serving a commercial, governmental, or public purpose.

(b) Gross vehicle weight rating means the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum design loaded weight of a single vehicle.

(2) Requirement. Owners or operators of heavy-duty diesel engine powered motor vehicles are prohibited from idling for more than five consecutive minutes. Idling is the continuous operation of a vehicle's main drive engine while the vehicle is stopped.

(3) Exemptions. The idling restriction of subsection 62-285.420(2), F.A.C., shall not apply:

(a) To idling while stopped for traffic conditions over which the driver has no control, including being stopped for an official traffic control device or signal, in a line of traffic, at a railroad crossing, at a construction zone, or at the direction of law enforcement;

(b) To idling of buses 10 minutes prior to passenger loading and when passengers are onboard if needed for passenger comfort;

(c) To idling of an armored vehicle in which a person remains inside the vehicle while guarding the contents of the vehicle or while the vehicle is being loaded or unloaded.

(d) If idling is necessary for a police, fire, ambulance, public safety, military, or other vehicle being used in an emergency or training capacity;

(e) If idling is necessary to verify that the vehicle is in safe operating condition as required by law and that all equipment is in good working order, either as part of a daily vehicle inspection or as otherwise needed, provided that engine idling is mandatory for such verification;

(f) If idling is necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed, other than propulsion, for example: collecting solid waste or recyclable material; controlling cargo temperature; or operating a lift, crane, pump, drill, hoist, mixer, or other auxiliary equipment other than a heater or air conditioner;

(g) If idling is necessary to operate defrosters, heaters, air conditioners, or other equipment to prevent a safety or health emergency, but not solely for the comfort of the driver;

(h) To idling while the driver is sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth. This exemption expires at midnight September 30, 2013.

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