



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

ASSEMBLY BILL 617: BARCT ANALYSIS - RECIPROCATING INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES

Community Advisory Council
Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District

Our Mission: To protect the people and the environment
of Santa Barbara County from the effects of air pollution.

Aeron Arlin Genet, Director / APCO
Timothy Mitro, Air Quality Engineer

February 22, 2023



PRESENTATION TOPICS

1) Review Background Information

- Assembly Bill 617 – Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT)
- Engine Control Technology Review
- District Rule 333 – Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines

2) BARCT Analysis for Reciprocating Engines

- Updated Emission Standards
- Industry Impacts
- Implementation of BARCT



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

BACKGROUND: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617

- Enacted in 2017 for Community Air Protection.
- BARCT applies to large industrial facilities subject to Cap-and-Trade.
 - >25,000 metric tons/yr of GHGs as of 1/1/2017.
 - Requires maximum emission reduction achievable, taking into account environmental and economic impacts.
- BARCT Rule Development Schedule adopted by Board in 2018.



TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

- Non-Selective Catalytic Reduction (NSCR) - “**3-way catalyst**”
 - Emissions reduced by at least 90% NO_x, 80% CO, and 50% ROC.
 - Must operate near stoichiometric conditions. (All O₂ reacted & all fuel burned)
 - **Air/Fuel Ratio Controller:** Makes operational adjustments based on input from O₂ sensor.
 - Catalyst needs high exhaust temperatures & low sulfur fuel.



DISTRICT RULE 333 – ENGINES

- Rule 333 was initially adopted in 1991 (minor amendments in 1997 and 2008).
- Applies to engines with a max rated horsepower of 50 or greater.

Engine Type		Rule 333 Emission Limits (ppmv, corrected to 15% O ₂)		
		NO _x	ROC	CO
Rich-burn, SI	Non-cyclical	50	250	4,500
	Cyclical	300		

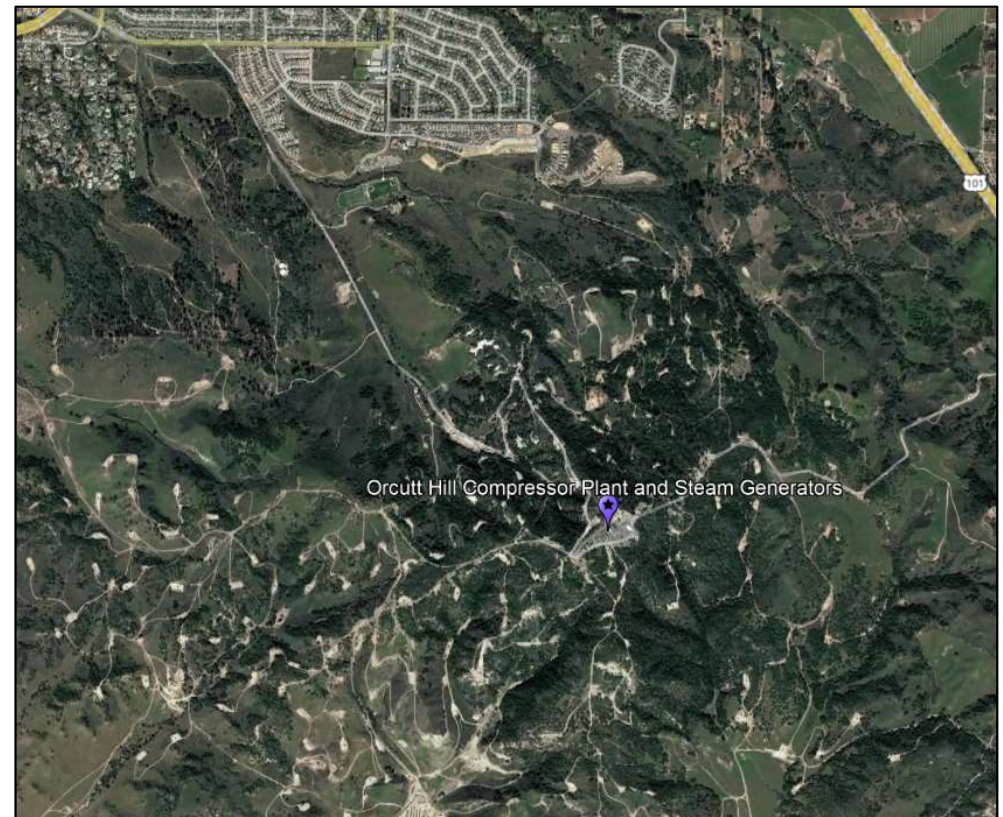
- To comply with NO_x standards:
 - **Non-cyclical engines:** Equip with a 3-way catalyst.
 - **Cyclical engines:** Properly tune or lean the air-fuel ratio.



Cyclical Oil Well Pump

PCEC – ORCUTT HILL

- 27 prime engines remaining
 - **Manufacture Year:** 1970s and 1980s
 - **Original Max Horsepower:** 130 – 200 hp
 - **Derated Max Horsepower:** 42 – 49.9 hp



BARCT ANALYSIS

- 1) Engines need to comply with the BARCT standards regardless of derating.
- 2) Lower BARCT standards are achievable.
 - Based on South Coast AQMD Rule 1110.2 and San Joaquin Valley APCD Rule 4702;
 - 95-98% NO_x control for engines;
 - Difficulties maintaining high exhaust temperature on derated, cyclical engines.

Engine Type		Uncontrolled NO _x EF (ppmv)	Rule 333 NO _x Limits (ppmv)	NO _x BARCT (ppmv)
Rich-burn, SI	Non-cyclical	500	50	11
	Cyclical		300	11
	Derated, Cyclical		N/A	25

TECHNOLOGY TRIALS

PCEC
0100957 #1

HENRY LEASING & MANUFACTURING
GAS ENGINES
3737 Gilmore Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Phone: 661-395-3027 Fax: 661-395-3053

EMISSION READINGS

Date: 11-30-21 Inspectors Name: Victor A. Rodriguez

Limits	Measured Values					Within Limits? (yes or no)	Corrective Action Taken (When limits are exceeded)
	Log the Time Readings Are Taken (5 Readings Within 15 Minutes)						
Time	6:57 PM	6:56 PM	6:59 PM	7:02 PM	7:05 PM		
CO	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	Yes	
HC	674.2	587.1	622.9	599.5	594.8	Yes	
NOx	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.14	Yes	
Temp Inlet (°F)	883°F	885°F	885°F	885°F	885°F		
Temp Outlet (°F)							
Temp Increase (°F)							
Comments / Corrective Actions Taken							

PORTABLE EXHAUST GAS ANALYZER DATA

Model: LAMBDA III Date Last Calibrated: 6-22-21

- PCEC initiated control technology trials on a few engines.
- Installed catalysts and Air-Fuel Ratio Controllers.
- NOx analyzer tests show that the lower limits are feasible.
- Decision to pursue controls on all engines.

COST-EFFECTIVENESS

	Per Engine Retrofit	Total (27 engines)
Capital Costs:	\$60,000	\$1.62 million
Catalyst and AFRC installation	\$30,000	
Powerpole extensions for AFRC	\$30,000	
On-Going Costs:	\$12,000/yr	\$324,000/yr
Catalyst and O ₂ Sensor Replacement	\$4,000/yr	
Biennial Source Testing	\$4,000/yr	
Quarterly NOx Analyzer Testing	\$2,000/yr	
Added Maintenance & Recordkeeping	\$2,000/yr	
Emission Reductions:	2.6 - 2.7 tpy NOx	73 tpy NOx
Cost-Effectiveness:	\$6,600 - \$6,800 per ton of NOx (15 year project life, 6% interest)	

BARCT IMPLEMENTATION

- PCEC submitted an Authority to Construct (ATC) application to incorporate BARCT directly into their operating permit.
 - Equipment installed no later than December 31, 2023.
- Amendments to District Rule 333 no longer necessary.
 - The BARCT Analysis will be presented to the District Board & forwarded to CARB.
 - The BARCT Analysis will continue to apply to existing and new equipment units at the AB 617 Industrial Facilities.

BARCT TIMELINE FOR IC ENGINES

- **December 2018:** BARCT Schedule adopted by District Board
- **2019 – 2022:** Technology Trials at PCEC
- **October 2022:** ATC application submitted by PCEC
- **February 2023:** CAC Meeting to receive update on BARCT Analysis
- **Spring 2023:**
 - 1) ATC Permit issued
 - 2) District Board Hearing to receive BARCT Analysis
 - 3) Forward Analysis to CARB
- **Dec 31, 2023:** Implementation of BARCT Analysis

CONTACT INFORMATION

Timothy Mitro, Air Quality Engineer,
Planning Division
(805) 979-8329 / MitroT@sbcapcd.org



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY