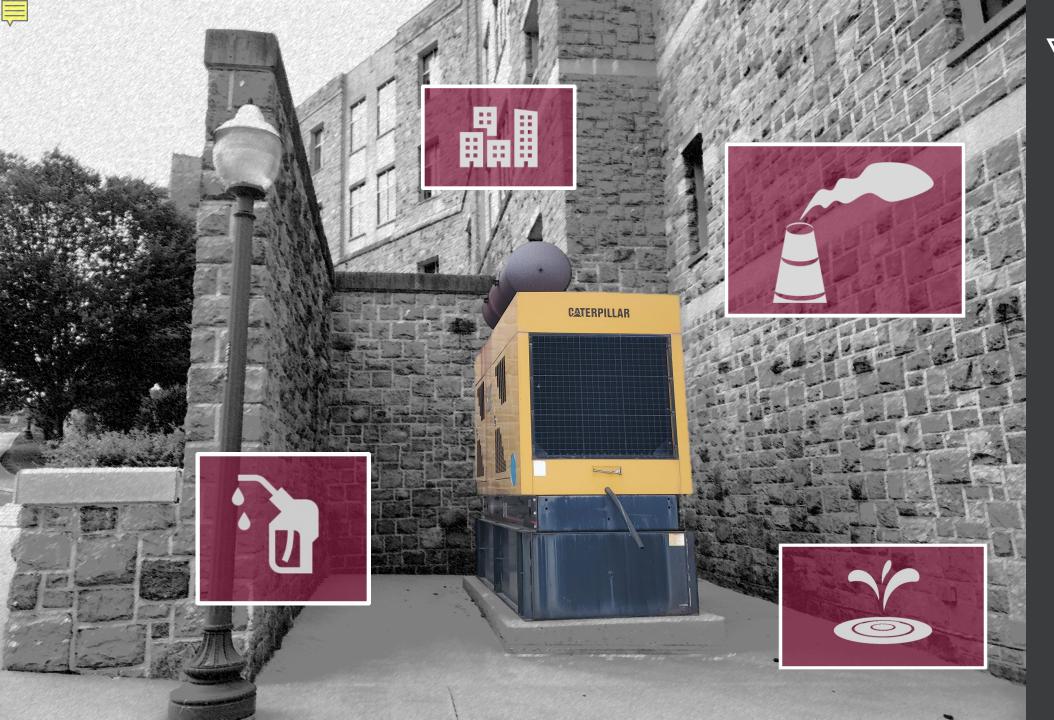


#### Emergency generators on college campuses

- What are the environmental compliance requirements?

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#### **Emergency Generators - Basics**



#### **EPA Definition**

https://www3.epa.gov/ghgreporting/help/tool2 014/definitions/emergency-generator.html



#### CI vs SI

- Compression ignition (CI) internal combustion engines (ICEs).
  - Spark ignition (SI) ICEs

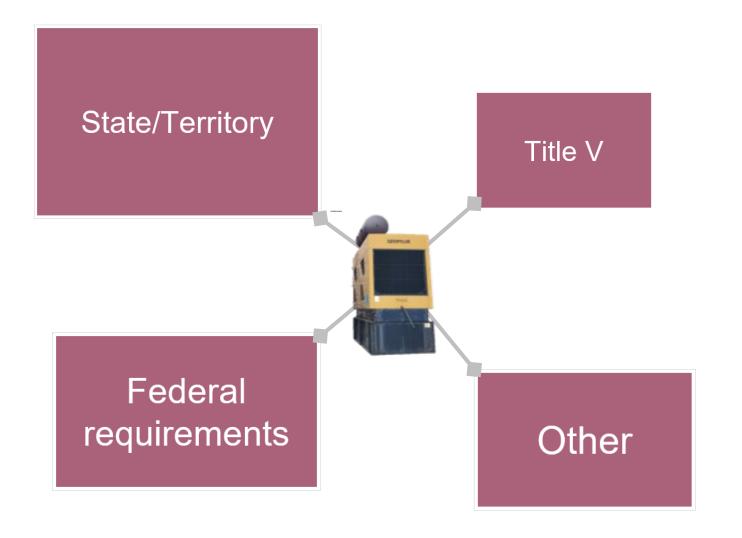


#### Year & Size

- Year (get that EPA certificate of conformity)
- Kilowatts (kW) and horsepower (hp)







# Air Regulations – so many factors to consider...

- 1. CI vs SI
- 2. Size (kW or hp)
- 3. Major source vs area source





### State/Territory

#### Matrix of State Requirements

Γ.	ttps://www.rila.org/retail-compliance-center/emergency-generator-permitting-matrix					
	Jurisdiction	Permit Exemption	General Permit	Permit-by-rule	Construction/Operating Permit	Links
	Alabama	Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) has not established a list of sources (type or size) that are exempt from permitting. The agency determines whether a permit is necessary on a case- by-case basis.	Not offered.	Not offered.		https://adem.alabama.gov/air/air- permitting
	Alaska	Emergency generators may not require a permit based on emissions levels.	Not offered.	preapproved emissions limits (PAEL), which restrict the amount of diesel fuel the engine may burn.	Owners and operators that cannot or choose not to use a permit exemption or a PAEL must obtain a construction permit before installing, modifying, or relocating any emergency generator.  *Regulation: 18 AAC 50.502  *Permit Application: Construction and Minor Permit Applications	https://dec.alaska.gov/air/air-permit/
					Unless exempt or required to obtain a Class I (for major sources or Title V sources) or Class II (for source with the potential to emit	

#### Which applies to your new generator?

- Permitting exemption;
  General permit or permit by rule; or
  Construction and/or operating permit.





#### Title V

#### Permitting

#### **Emissions** Reporting

#### **Major Sources:**

- 10 tons per year or more of any single HAP
- 25 tons per year or more of any combination of HAPs
- 100 tons per year or more of any air pollutant

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Area Sources (below above thresholds)

HAP's



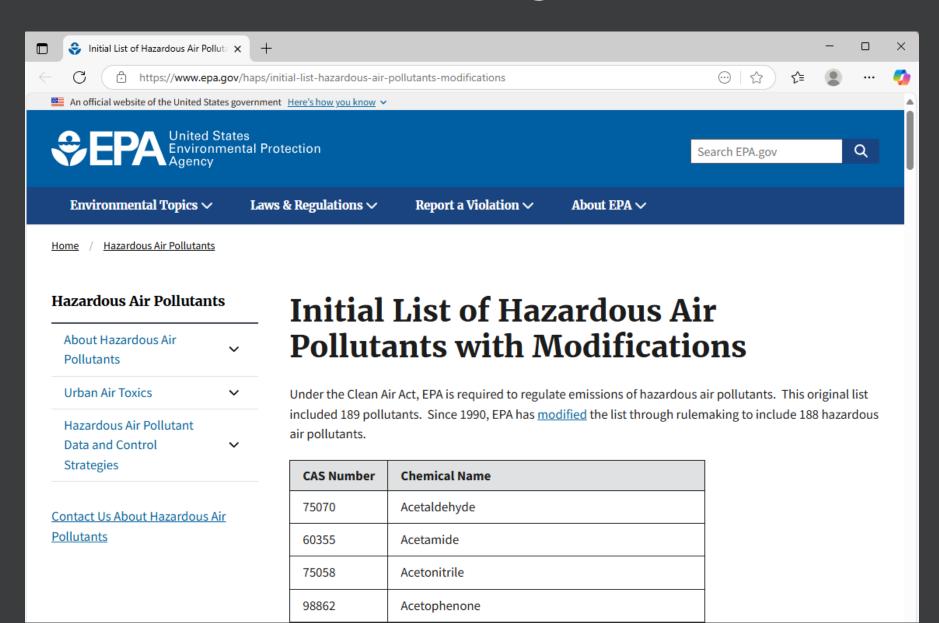






#### HAP's







#### Title V Permitting



State permits/Federal requirements integrated into Title V



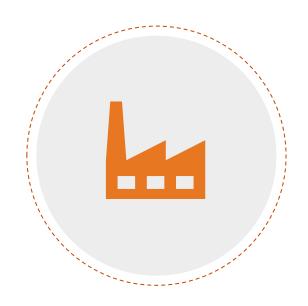
Permit Modification minor vs major





#### Federal requirements overview –

RICE (Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines)



NSPS FOR STATIONARY CI ICE-40 CFR 60, SUBPART IIII

- -date
- -emission standards
- -max 100 hours



NSPS FOR STATIONARY SI ICE-40 CFR 60, SUBPART JJJJ

- -date & horsepower
- -emission standards
- -written notification if over 500 hp



NESHAP FOR STATIONARY RICE—40 CFR 63, SUBPART ZZZZ

- Notification is required if more than
   500 bhp located at a major source of HAP emissions
- -MACT Subpart ZZZZ



## "Other" air regulation considerations:



# Maintenance **Metered Hours**

**EPA Certificate of Conformity** 



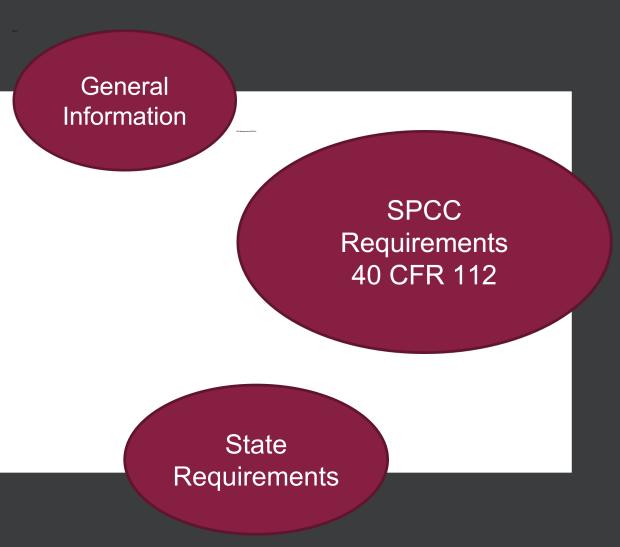




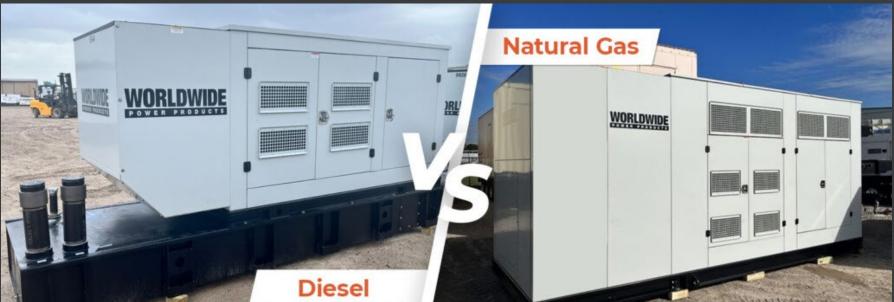


#### **FUEL STORAGE**

(diesel/gasoline only)













## SPCC Requirements 40 CFR 112



The magic threshold is **1,320** gallons



How does your college/university define "facility?"

Does your new emergency generator trigger SPCC or does this new unit need to be added to existing SPCC plan?







#### **EPCRA & Spill Reporting**

- See 40 CFR 270
- Tier 2 annual reporting
- Spills sheen on water, 25 gallons on land.



#### Mock Scenario #1

#### Springfield Community College - Illinois

- small academic building replacing old generator with a 300 kW (402 hp) diesel emergency generator
- 300 gallon belly tank
- Currently main campus stores 1,200 gallons of petroleum
- Area source





What do you recommend?



#### Basgiath War College

- New wing being added to Riders
  Quadrant with new 1350 kW
  (1810 hp) diesel emergency
  generator.
- 1,000 gallon belly tank
- Petroleum storage = Infantry (5,000 gallons), Scribe (2,000 gallons), Healer (5,000 gallons), Riders (1,000)
- One PE certified SPCC plan
- Major source, Title V

What do you recommend?

