

ICAPCD: Agency Background & Salton Sea Compliance

Imperial Valley Salton Sea Conference

Imperial Valley College

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Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

ICAPCD Agency Structure

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- **PLANNING AND MONITORING (4 STAFF)**
 - DEVELOP AIR QUALITY ATTAINMENT PLANS
 - MONITOR THE COUNTY'S AIR QUALITY
- **ENGINEERING (4 STAFF)**
 - WRITE AND REVIEW PERMITS (8 TITLE V, 9 SM, APPROX. 800 TOTAL PERMITS)
 - INSPECT NEW AND MODIFIED PROJECTS TO ISSUE PERMITS TO OPERATE
- **COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT (5 STAFF, 1 EXTRA HELP)**
 - AIR QUALITY INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE
 - MANAGE AND OVERSEE THE AGRICULTURAL BURN PROGRAM
- **GRANTS AND BORDER (4 STAFF)**
 - ADMINISTER THE AB 617 PROGRAM FOR THE SOUTH-END AND NORTH-END COMMUNITIES
 - MANAGE GRANT PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE CARL MOYER PROGRAM AND LAWN EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM (LEEP)
- **ADMINISTRATIVE (3 STAFF)**



COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT

- Conducts Annual Permit Inspections
- Daily Burn Day Designations
- Oversees Open & Agricultural Burning
- Notices to Comply & Violation
- Complaint Investigations:
Smoke, Odors, Dust, Other

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Burn Status:
Today is a Burn Day.

05/06/2025

From: 10:00 AM
To: 3:00 PM

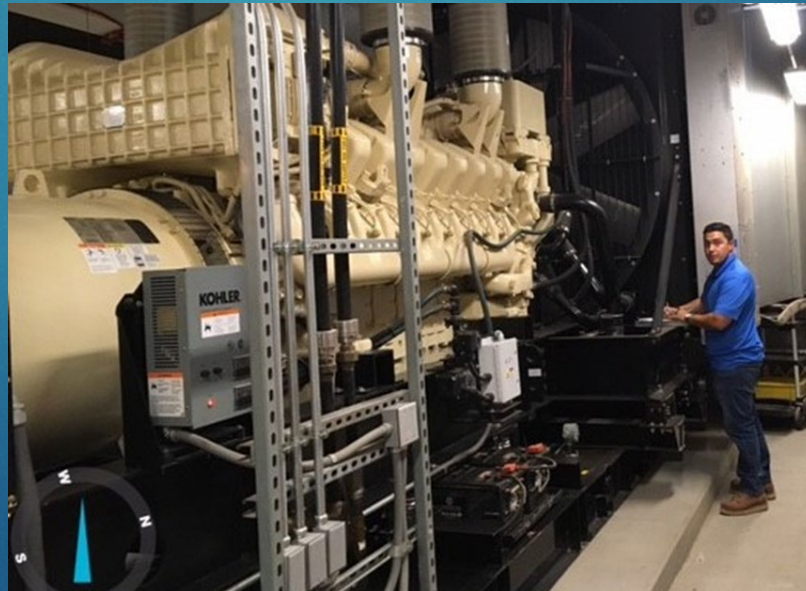
Winds:

AM Hours: WSW 5-10 MPH

PM Hours: WSW 5-10 MPH

For any questions, please contact APCD at (442) 265-1800 or (888) 547-2876.

For additional information, visit our [Agricultural Burning](#) webpage.



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Regulatory Authority:

- ICAPCD is the local air quality regulatory agency with the responsibility to maintain Imperial County in compliance with air quality standards, chiefly ICACPD's Rules & Regulations, including sources of emissions in and around the Salton Sea area. ICACPD's Fugitive Dust Rules are found in Regulation VIII.
- Salton Sea Playa is subject to ICAPCD Rules such as Rule 804 (*Open Areas*), and the stabilized surface and opacity of emissions standards per Rule 800 (*General Requirements for Control of PM-10*).
- The purpose of Rule 800 & 804 is to reduce the amount of fine Particulate Matter (PM-10) entrained in the ambient air from anthropogenic (man-made) Fugitive Dust (PM-10) sources by requiring actions to prevent, reduce, or mitigate PM-10 emissions.

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ICAPCD Rule 804 & BACM

- Rule 804 applies to any open areas of 3.0 acres or more within rural areas and contains at least 1000 square feet of disturbed surface area.
- Rule 804 requires the implementation of Best Available Control Measures (BACM) to reduce PM-10 emissions from open areas. BACM Includes:
 - Apply and maintain water or dust suppressants to all unvegetated areas.
 - Establish vegetation on all previously disturbed areas.
 - Pave, apply & maintain gravel, or apply & maintain chemical stabilizers.
- Vehicle Use: Within 30 days of discovery of evidence of trespass, a Person who owns Open Area shall prevent unauthorized vehicle access by posting "No Trespassing" signs or installing physical barriers to effectively prevent access.