EGRIP Frequently Asked Questions

When are EGRIP applications due?

- All applications are due no later than Friday, February 26, 2027, at 1:00 PM PDT, and must be submitted electronically to the Grant Management System (GMS), our application portal (https://gms.aqmd.gov)

What generators qualify for EGRIP?

- Generators must be either uncontrolled, Tier 1, or Tier 2, have an active permit to operate with the South Coast AQMD, and be rated 50hp or greater.

Once approved, how much time do I have to install my replacement equipment?

- A required in-service date will be provided in the executed contract with South Coast AQMD, but replacement equipment must be installed within three years from contract execution. Requests to extend or change in service dates may be granted by South Coast AQMD with valid reasoning.

Do portable generators qualify?

- No, EGRIP is only open to stationary permitted generators that reside and operate within South Coast AQMD jurisdiction.

Does my current generator need to be operational?

- Yes, the generator will need to be fully operational, without any outstanding compliance issues, and will also need to have a valid permit to operate.

How do I know what tier my generator is? How do I check/verify?

- Staff recommends locating the engine information plate that should be affixed to the surface of the diesel engine. This plate often includes the engine tier or an engine family number (EFN) that can be cross referenced online to determine tier. Alternatively, if you can verify the engine's date of manufacture and horsepower rating, you can use that information to look up the engine tier using the following tier chart: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/non-road-diesel-engine-certification-tier-chart

What if I cannot locate the engine plate?

- Staff recommends looking for original documentation such as purchase orders, the owner's manual, etc. If this is not available, we recommend contacting the engine/generator manufacturer.

What Tier engines qualify for EGRIP?

- All EPA certified Tier 0, tier 1, and tier 2 engines qualify for EGRIP.

Do leased generators qualify for EGRIP?

- No, existing equipment must be owned by the applicant. Equipment that is leased or otherwise not owned by the applicant will not be eligible for funding.

Can one application be submitted for multiple generators or facility-wide?

- Up to 6 generator projects may be included on each EGRIP application processed through the Grant Management System (GMS). Multiple applications may be submitted. If you plan to submit applications for more than 6 projects, please contact EGRIP staff for guidance on the best method to submit your applications. Replacement backup power equipment must not exceed 135% of the existing unit's rated brake horsepower or kilowatt capacity, as applicable.

Does EGRIP require dollar matching from applicants?

- The applicant must provide a 15% cost share contribution. This requirement may be waived for publicly owned schools, universities, colleges and hospitals. Please refer to the Program Announcement for additional details.

Can an EGRIP project receive additional funding (stacking) from other incentive programs?

- Yes, EGRIP funding can be stacked, please contact South Coast AQMD staff for approval. This can be reviewed and approved during the application review period.

Why aren't existing Tier 3 or cleaner generators qualified?

- The goal of EGRIP is to reduce emissions from diesel-fueled generators. Staff conducted an evaluation and determined that older generators result in higher emissions reduction potential.

Can I retrofit to add emission control devices to my current diesel-fueled generator?

- No. EGRIP is a scrap and replacement program that requires your old equipment to be decommissioned, removed, and replaced with newer, cleaner technology, and thus retrofits such as addition of emissions control devices are not eligible.

Can I replace my current diesel-fueled generator with a newer Tier 4 diesel-fueled generator?

- Diesel-to diesel replacements are not eligible under EGRIP.

Can I use my replacement backup generator as prime power?

- No, EGRIP is intended to replace stationary emergency backup generators.

What if the EGRIP funded equipment does not work as intended? Can I go back to a diesel-fueled generator?

- If the funded equipment does not perform as intended, the Recipient must contact South Coast AQMD right away. South Coast AQMD may approve corrective actions, modify or extend the contract, grant a waiver when appropriate, allow transfer of equipment to another entity, or require repayment of EGRIP funds on case-by-case basis. Returning to a diesel-fueled generator requires prior approval from South Coast AQMD and exhaustion of any possible corrective actions. All EGRIP approved projects will have a minimum 3-year project life and a minimum 3-year warranty to protect the buyer.

What if the facility changes ownership during the contract period?

- Change of ownership is allowed during the contract term and after a contract is executed with the primary applicant. Lien's will be placed on the new unit. A preliminary notice of intent to sell, annual usage reports, new photos of the equipment and the current hour meter reading, buyer's letter of acknowledgement agreeing to the terms and conditions of the contract, sales documentation and business forms (W-9, 590, etc.) will be required in order to successfully open a new contract with the new owner and close the existing contract with the equipment purchaser.

Which inspections, permits, and approvals are required for an EGRIP project?

- Eligible equipment must have an active South Coast AQMD Permit to Operate to be considered for funding. If an application is approved, the existing equipment is required to receive either a PRE-inspection or a Compliance Inspection before a contract will be offered. Costs are eligible from the point of board approval. Any work done prior to contract execution is at the participant's own risk. Officer to proceed with purchasing and installation. Applicants may be required to obtain a new Permit to Construct, a new Permit to Operate, or a source test for the replacement equipment depending on applicable rules and regulations. Upon project completion, the new equipment will be required to receive a POST-inspection.

When/how will reimbursement be issued, and what documentation is required to receive payment?

- Participants may request reimbursement at the conclusion of a project by submitting an invoice package to EGRIP staff. This package must contain, at a minimum, an Invoice from the Participant to South Coast AQMD, the Invoice(s) from the purchase and installation of the new engine or replacement back-up power technology and a W-9 tax form. Payments will be mailed to the participant as a check.