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## **Compliance Advisory**

To: **All Gin Managers**

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Subject: **Forklift Rule**

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On May 25, the California Air Resources Board approved the Large Spark Ignited (LSI) Engine Regulation, which governs the emissions from new and in-use propane and gasoline fired equipment, including forklifts. The regulation does not cover farming operations, but does cover ag processing facilities, such as cotton gins. The rules contain the following:

**Exemptions –**

- **Does not cover facilities with 3 or less propane or gasoline forklifts.**
- **Does not cover forklifts that are 1989 or older.**
- **Does not cover forklifts that are used 250 hours or less per year**

**Requirements –**

- **20% of covered fleet must be retrofitted by 2009**
- **80% of covered fleet must be retrofitted by 2012**
- **Retrofit technology must meet 3.0 g NOx/bhphr**
- **Only two (2) companies meet ARB's verification procedures for 3.0 g NOx/bhphr (Emission Control Systems and Nett Technologies)**

This is only a summary of the requirements. The Association would strongly encourage its members to attend one of the Association sponsored workshops held at locations throughout the state (see attached workshop flyer). There is a possibility to receive incentive funds to assist in paying for the retrofits, and air district personnel will be on hand at the workshops to explain the incentive process and help complete the necessary applications. Please make sure to attend one of these important workshops. If you have any questions, please call me at (559)252-0684.