

Fleet Vehicle Idling Internal Policy

Statement of Purpose: This policy is designed to assist in protecting Colorado's air quality through the reduction of engine idling by vehicles operated as part of the vehicle fleet of Insert entity name.

Definition: For the purpose of this policy, a "fleet" is defined as all vehicles owned, rented, or leased by Insert entity name or operated for the purpose of conducting business on behalf of Insert entity name.

Background: Air pollution, particularly ground-level ozone, is an immediate and ongoing concern in Colorado. It impacts citizen health, economic growth, and quality of life. Vehicle exhaust, including exhaust from idling vehicles, contributes significantly to air pollution in the Colorado.

Statement of Policy: It is the policy of Insert entity name that drivers of Insert entity name fleet vehicles turn off vehicle engines (not idle) when a vehicle will be stopped for more than 30 seconds, except when in traffic. This policy applies, but is not limited, to the following situations:

- When loading or unloading goods or personnel
- When stopped for road construction
- When waiting at a drive-through window
- When stopped and waiting for any reason (except in traffic)

Exemptions: The policy of turning off vehicles when stopped does not apply for the period or periods during which idling is necessary under the following circumstances:

- 1) To provide for the safety of vehicle occupants, such as in cases of extreme hot or cold conditions (e.g., to run the air conditioner or heater under extreme heat or cold).
- 2) To use lift equipment or other equipment necessary to accommodate individuals with one or more disabilities.
- 3) When stopped in traffic, such as when waiting at a traffic light.
- 4) When specific traffic, safety, or emergency situations arise.

With the exception of Exemption Number 3, if in the above exemption cases equipment can be run from the battery alone, drivers should refrain from idling unless there is a significant concern of draining the battery.

Implementation

This policy shall be effective immediately from the date of signature.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Modeled after the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, "Sample No Idle Policy for Fleets", July 2008)