

Longshore Safety Tip

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TRACTOR INSPECTIONS AND EXHAUST SMELLS

NEW TRACTORS HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH ADVANCED EMISSION CONTROL DEVICES IN THE STACK. THESE DEVICES REDUCE DIESEL PARTICULATES UP TO 90%!

THE EXHAUST BURNS HOTTER AND THERE ARE SOME NEW SMELLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVICES THAT ARE NORMAL AND SOME WHICH ARE NOT NORMAL.

*Excessive Exhaust Smell
Exhaust leaks may result in strong exhaust smells (similar to a BBQ lighter fluid type smell) during regeneration.
This may result in headaches, burning eyes, or nausea.*



Operators should report excessive smells to a foreman/walking boss or supervision or take the truck to the shop for inspection.



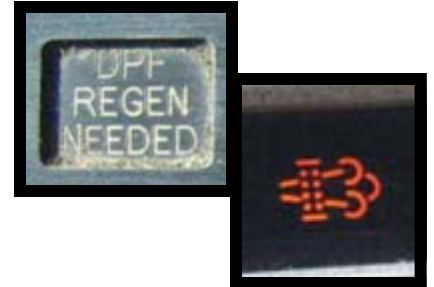
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These new Diesel Particulate Filters sometimes need to be cleaned or “regenerated” so that they will continue to work properly. This normally is done automatically by the engine control module in the truck.

If “regen needed” lights illuminate on the instrument panel, follow instructions from the foreman/walking boss or supervision at your terminal.



PCMSC RULE 901

PROVIDES FOR DRIVERS TO CHECK THEIR TRACTORS PRIOR TO OPERATION .

UPON COMPLETION DEFECTS ARE TO BE REPORTED TO THE FOREMAN /WALKING BOSS OR SUPERVISION.

THIS WOULD INCLUDE REPORTING ANY EXCESSIVE EXHAUST SMELLS AND DASH BOARD INDICATOR LIGHTS AS DIRECTED BY THE FOREMAN/WALKING BOSS OR SUPERVISION.



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