

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
NOTICE NO. CE-2012-05**

DATE: April 10, 2012
TO: All Engineering Employees
SUBJECT: Directive Regarding Idling of Fleet Vehicles

As a reminder to previous Chief Engineer Notice, CE-2011-02, sent out on September 8, 2011 and again on March 30, 2012, you are required to comply with the following:

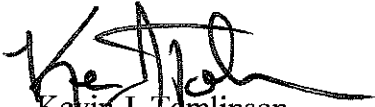
Under New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), the maximum idling time for all diesel & gasoline engine vehicles is 5 minutes. The regulation is found in Title 6 NYCRR, Subpart 217-3 and will be enforced by DEC Conservation Officers. Vehicle operators who do not comply can be fined from \$500 to \$18,000 in the case of a first violation.

Exemptions to the regulation include:

- Vehicle is stuck in traffic
- Powering an auxiliary function or apparatus, such as a concrete tumbler
- Diesel fueled truck parked for more than 2 hours & less than 25 degrees F
- Electric vehicles

Trucks consume up to one gallon of diesel fuel for each hour at idle, using as much as 2,400 gallons of fuel every year per truck. On average, each idling truck produces about 21 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and 0.3 tons of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) annually. On the budget side, there are large advantages to the LIRR in not idling vehicles excessively. For our employees and their families who live & breathe on LI, the benefits should also be apparent.

Effective immediately the idling of Engineering fleet vehicles beyond 5 minutes, whether the vehicle is attended or unattended, is prohibited. This includes warming up vehicles at headquarters or job site.


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