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## **News Release**

### **Sacramento Air Quality District Collects \$24,960 Penalty Settlement with Sam's Club**

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District announced today that Sam's Club has paid \$24,960 in penalties to settle air quality permit violations that occurred in 2006 and 2007.

Air District enforcement staff cited Sam's Club for operating standby generators in excess of their District permit limits to operate. The Notice of Violations issued by the District are for Rule 201, *General Permit Requirements*. In addition to the civil penalty, Sam's Club agreed to remove two high emission engines located at their 7660 Stockton Boulevard store.

Sam's Club is a membership based warehouse retail chain.

The penalty was reached through AQMD's Mutual Settlement Program, a voluntary program designed to resolve violations without the time and expense of litigation. Settlement funds are used to help support the District's mission of improving air quality in the Sacramento region.