

**REGULATION III
OPEN BURNING**

Rule 300 **General Definitions**

A. **Agricultural Burning**

1. Open outdoor fires used in agricultural operations in the growing of crops or raising of fowl or animals, or open outdoor fires used in forest management, range improvement, or the improvement of land for wildlife and game habitat, or disease or pest prevention.
2. Open outdoor fires used in the operation or maintenance of a system for the delivery of water for the purposes specified in subdivision (1).
3. Open outdoor fires used in wildland vegetation management burning. Wildland vegetation management burning is the use of prescribed burning conducted by a public agency, or through a cooperative agreement or contract involving a public agency, to burn land predominantly covered with chaparral, trees, grass, or standing brush.

B. **Agricultural Operation**

The growing and harvesting of crops, or the raising of fowl or animals for the primary purpose of making a profit, or providing a livelihood, or the conduct of agricultural research or instruction by an educational institution.

C. **Agricultural Wastes**

1. Unwanted or unsalable material produced wholly from agricultural operations.
2. Materials not produced wholly from agricultural operations but which are intimately related to the growing or harvesting of crops and which are used in the fields, such as fertilizer and pesticide sacks or containers where the sacks or containers are emptied in the fields, except as prohibited in this Regulation. This does not include such items as shop wastes, demolition materials, garbage, oil filters, tires, pallets, and the like.

D. **AQMD**

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District.

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- E. **APCO**
The Air Pollution Control Officer of the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, or designated representative.
- F. **Approved Ignition Devices**
Those instruments or materials that will ignite open fires without the production of black smoke, including such items as liquid petroleum gas (L.P.G.), butane, propane, or diesel oil burners, flares, or other similar material or ignition device as approved by the APCO. Tires, tar paper, oil, and other similar materials are not approved.
- G. **ARB**
The California State Air Resources Board, or any person authorized to act on its behalf.
- H. **Burn Barrel:**
A metal container used to hold combustible or flammable waste materials, so that they can be ignited outdoors for purpose of disposal.
- I. **Designated Agency**
Any agency designated by the ARB as having authority to issue agricultural burning permits. The U.S. Forest Service, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District are so designated within their respective areas of jurisdiction. (California Code of Regulations - Title 17, Section 80100-C)
- J. **Forest Management Burning**
The use of prescribed burning to remove forest debris or for practices which include timber operations, silvicultural practices, or forest protection practices.
- K. **Natural Vegetation**
Natural vegetation means all plants, including but not limited to grasses, forbs, trees, branches, shrubs, flowers, or vines that grow in the wild or under cultivation.

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L. **Person**

Any person, firm, association, organization, partnership, business trust, corporation, company, contractor, supplier, installer, operator, user or owner, any government agency or public district or any officer or employee thereof.

M. **Prescribed Burning**

Means the planned application of fire to vegetation to achieve any specific objective on lands selected in advance of such application.

N. **Project**

A project shall consist of a parcel of land to be burned that is located in an assigned compartment number or name, unit number or name, timber harvest number or name, or a result of site conversion or rehabilitation, or as determined by the Air Pollution Control Officer.

O. **Range Improvement Burning**

The use of prescribed burning to remove vegetation for a wildlife, game, or livestock habitat or for the initial establishment of an agricultural practice on previously uncultivated land.

P. **Residential Rubbish**

Those items such as treated wood, plastic, clothing, furniture, manmade products or domestic belongings common to a household, including garbage from such a dwelling.

Q. **Section**

As used in these Rules and Regulations, unless some other code is specifically mentioned, all section references are to the California Health and Safety Code.

R. **Silvicultural Practices**

The establishment, development, care, and reproduction of stands of timber.(California Code of Regulations - Title 17, Section 80100-I)

S. **Timber Operations**

The cutting or removal of timber or other forest vegetation. (California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 80100-K)

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T. **Wildlands Vegetation Management Burning**

Defined as the use of prescribed burning conducted by a public agency, or through a cooperative agreement or contract involving a

public agency, to burn land predominately covered with chaparral (as defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 1561.1), trees, grass, or standing brush.