Vermont's current definition of emergency engine generator.

"Emergency engine is defined as any stationary internal combustion engine located at a facility that serves solely as a secondary source of mechanical or electrical power when the primary source is disrupted or discontinued during a period of emergency due to a situation beyond the control of the owner/operator of the facility. Emergency engines shall operate only during emergency situations or for standard performance testing procedures as required by law or by the engine manufacturer. The hours of operation per calendar year for such standard performance testing shall not exceed 100 hours. An engine that serves as an energy or power source in circumstances other than emergency situations or for standard testing, such as load shedding or peak shaving, shall not be considered an emergency engine.

Emergency situation is defined as loss of primary power due to power outage, on site disaster, or act of God, beyond the control of the owner/operator. Emergency situation shall not include power interruptions pursuant to an interruptible power service agreement, engine testing or scheduled maintenance."