Issue:
PBCC Section 105.2 Electrical #8 – (Work exempt from permit) states: “Temporary wiring for theaters, motion picture and television studios, performance areas and similar locations where not accessible to the general public.”

Questions have arisen as to whether or not a temporary generator intended to supply the temporary wiring described in #8 would also be exempt from requiring a permit.

Interpretation:
The concept behind the exemption of a permit for the temporary wiring described in #8 above stems from the fact that the locations stated above, and the temporary wiring, is not accessible by the general public and that the individuals in charge of the temporary event employ qualified individuals for the temporary wiring installation.

If the temporary generator is within the locations described above and is not accessible to the general public, the generator installation is exempt from requiring a permit. (Note: the installation must still comply with code.)

However, if the temporary generator is not within the locations described above and/or is accessible to the general public, a permit is required for the installation.