



Regulatory Advisory



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Amendments to the Consumer Products Regulation Pertaining to Automotive Windshield Washer Fluid Products

The Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) has approved amendments to the Consumer Products Regulation pertaining to Automotive Windshield Washer Fluid (AWWF) products to better address winter driving conditions. This advisory is intended to notify consumers, retailers, distributors, and AWWF manufacturers of these changes.

What are the amendments?

The amendments revise the current definition of Type "A" areas pertaining to the AWWF product category to include additional mountainous areas that routinely experience freezing temperatures in the winter. The amendments allow the sale of ready-to-use AWWF products with a volatile organic compound (VOC) content of up to 25 percent by weight in these new areas. The new Type "A" areas are identified by ZIP code (Table 1).

The amendments also clarify the existing Type "A" areas by listing these areas by county name rather than by air basin (see Table 2). Because Placer County spans three air basins, and only portions of Placer County are in Type "A" areas, the existing Type "A" portions of Placer County are described by listing the ZIP codes (Table 1).

In addition, the amendments allow instructions to be included on the label of dilutable products to advise consumers to dilute the product to Type "A" specifications when traveling to areas where freezing temperatures are expected.

When can the higher VOC ready-to-use products be sold in the new Type "A" areas?

While the amendments are not yet legally effective, it is the Board's intent to allow AWWF products with a VOC content of up to 25 percent by weight to be offered for sale beginning December 1, 2012, so that they are available to consumers this winter. As such ARB will not be enforcing the 1 percent by weight VOC limit that would otherwise be in effect in the areas added to Type "A," but will be enforcing the 25 percent limit.

How can I get a copy of the amendments?

The amendments to the Consumer Products regulation pertaining to AWWF products are available at this link <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2012/cp2012/cp2012.htm>

Where can I get more information?

You may get more information on the requirements for AWWF products by visiting our web page <http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regact/awwf/awwf.htm> or visiting the formal rulemaking page at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2012/cp2012/cp2012.htm>.

You may also contact program staff if you have any questions or comments regarding this advisory. Please contact Jose Gomez, at jgomez@arb.ca.gov or at (916) 324-8033.

Table 1: Type “A” Areas Identified by ZIP Code					
County*	ZIP Code	County*	ZIP Code	County*	ZIP Code
Butte	95954	Placer	95703	San Bernardino	92315
Butte/Tehama	95942	Placer	95713	San Bernardino	92317
Fresno	00017	Placer	95714	San Bernardino	92321
Fresno	93621	Placer	95715	San Bernardino	92325
Fresno	93628	Placer	95717	San Bernardino	92339
Fresno	93664	Placer	95722	San Bernardino	92352
Fresno/Tulare	93633	Placer	95724	San Bernardino	92358
Glenn	00047	Placer	96140	San Bernardino	92382
Humboldt	00050	Placer	96141	San Bernardino	92385
Kern	00016	Placer	96142	San Bernardino	92397
Kern	93255	Placer	96143	San Diego	91962
Kern	93285	Placer	96145	Santa Barbara	00032
Kern/Ventura	93225	Placer	96146	Tehama	00037
Kern	93226	Placer	96148	Tehama	00038
Kern/Ventura/ Santa Barbara/ San Luis Obispo	93252	Placer	96161	Tehama	96063
Madera	00020	Placer	96162	Tulare	00026
Madera	93643	Riverside	92549	Tulare	93260
Madera	93644	Riverside	92561	Tulare	93262
Placer	95602 (portion)**	San Bernardino	91759	Tulare	93265
Placer	95603 (portion)**	San Bernardino	92256	Tulare	93271
Placer	95631 (portion)**	San Bernardino	92305		
Placer	95701	San Bernardino	92314		

* County name is provided as a point of reference only. Except as specified for ZIP codes 95602, 95603, and 95631, all portions of the identified ZIP codes are Type “A” areas.

** Only the portion of ZIP codes 95602, 95603, and 95631 that lie to the east of Range 9 east, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

Table 2: Counties that are Type “A” Areas	
Air Basin	Counties
Great Basin Valleys	Alpine, Inyo, Mono
Lake Tahoe	El Dorado
Mountain Counties	Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mariposa, Nevada, Plumas, Sierra, Tuolumne
Northeast Plateau	Lassen, Modoc, Siskiyou
North Coast	Del Norte, Trinity
Sacramento Valley	Shasta