

Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Regulation Waste and Wastewater Fleet Workgroup

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Overview

- Background
- Proposed Provision
- Next Steps
- Discussion



Major Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) and Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) Emissions Reductions Needed

- California has the worst air quality in the nation
- Unique challenges in San Joaquin Valley and South Coast
- Heavy-duty trucks and federal sources* remain largest contributors
- More reductions needed to meet meet 2031 and 2037 attainment
- Board committed to adopt zeroemission truck measure 2028





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Board Direction

- First of two Board hearings on October 27, 2022
- Board approved staff recommendation to provide flexibility for waste and wastewater fleets
- 15-day comment period Spring 2023
- Second hearing planned for Spring 2023



Organic Waste Diversion Background

- Low Carbon Fuel Standard promotes switching to renewable fuels in transportation
- State policies establish statewide targets to divert organic waste away from landfills
 - 50% reduction by 2020 and 75% by 2025
- Cities and counties must meet annual procurement targets of products from the recovered organic waste either directly or through direct service providers
 - Some produce biomethane for transportation through anerobic digestion
- Senate Bill 1440 requires gas utilities to procure biomethane



Biomethane Potential





Biomethane End-Use Options in the Draft Scoping Plan

- Transportation
- Pipeline injection for residential/commercial end-uses
- Pipeline injection for industrial end-uses
- Feedstock for hydrogen production, either onsite or via pipeline injection



Strategies for Achieving Success Organic Waste

- Invest in the infrastructure needed to support growth in organic recycling capacity.
 - Avoid stranding existing investments and continue to highlight permitting challenges
- Utilize existing digesters at wastewater treatment facilities to rapidly expand food waste digestion capacity.
- Expand markets for products made from organic waste, including through recognition of the co-benefits of compost, biochar, and other products.
- Direct biomethane captured from landfills and organic waste digesters to sectors that are hard to decarbonize.
- Implement improved technologies and best management practices at composting and digestion operations.



Waste Fleet Provision Concept



Guiding Principles

- Provide additional time for fleets
- Support biomethane transition to hard-to-decarbonize sectors
- Guard against stranded assets and investments
- Balance short-lived climate pollutant objectives with other greenhouse gas and criteria pollution reduction goals
- Achieve full transition to zero-emissions (ZEV) fleets to meet Governor directives and protect public health
- Establish objective criteria and maintain enforceability



Proposed Waste Fleet Provision Applicability

- Fleets owned by or contracted with municipalities implementing organic waste diversion or receiving diverted organic waste for anaerobic digestion
- Fleets owned by or contracted with facilities generating in-state biomethane from diverted organic waste
- Vehicles using in-state biomethane to collect and process in-state organic waste
- Vehicles used to support wastewater and organic waste diversion facilities processing in-state organic waste



Proposed Waste Fleet Provision Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Truck Types

- Refuse
 - Front-loader, side-loader, rear-loader compactors
 - Transfer trucks, sludge trucks?
- Wastewater fleets
 - Trucks dedicated to wastewater divisions



Waste Fleet Timeline Concept

- Biomethane waste diversion vehicles moved into Group
 3 of the ZEV Milestone Schedule
 - Flexibility to continue purchasing CNG vehicles
 - Must continue to use biomethane
 - Phase-in ZEVs from 2030 to 2042

ZEV Milestones Fleet Percentage	10%	25%	50%	75%	100%
RNG waste diversion vehicles, sleeper cab tractors and specialty vehicles	2030	2033	2036	2039	2042

How Proposed Waste Truck Timeline Compares



Solid Waste Collection Vehicle Population

- ~16,500 Class 8 compactor trucks
 - ~75% in South Coast are CNG
 - ~30% in San Joaquin Valley are CNG
- Does not include transfer or other trucks





Source: EMFAC 2021, calendar year 2024 ¹⁶

Estimated Population of CNG Trucks Affected by Waste and Wastewater Provision



0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000 7,000 8,000 9,000 10,000 Number of Trucks in 2024 ■ Refuse Trucks □ Wastewater Trucks ■ Transfer Trucks



Next Steps

- Additional public meetings planned
- 15-day change package released for formal comments prior to second Board hearing
- Second Board hearing in Spring 2023



Questions

- How to identify wastewater trucks within larger city/county fleets?
- What records show the fleet is implementing CalRecycle's short lived climate pollutant regulation?
- How are transfer trucks identified?
 - Term is a use case and not a truck type
 - How many are there?
- Should provision sunset if plug-in hybrid CNG vehicles become available?
- How to best avoid biomethane fueling expansion which leads to stranded assets?

