

State of California Air Resources Board

Board Item Summary

Item # 25-4-1: Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Repeal of the In-Use Locomotive Regulation

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) approve the proposed repeal of the In-Use Locomotive Regulation (Locomotive Regulation).

Discussion:

The Board approved the Locomotive Regulation in April 2023 and CARB submitted an authorization request to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for the regulation in November 2023. Due to inaction from U.S. EPA on the authorization request, CARB withdrew the request in January 2025. Without authorization, CARB does not intend to enforce the Locomotive Regulation. To avoid confusion and uncertainty for California locomotive operators, staff are requesting the Board approve the proposed repeal of the Locomotive Regulation to remove it from the California Code of Regulations. The repeal of the Locomotive Regulation would not have any economic or environmental impact.