

State of California
Environment Protection Agency
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Decision

Project Title: Amendments to the Regulation to Reduce Emissions of Diesel Particulate Matter, Oxides of Nitrogen and Other Criteria Pollutants from In-Use Heavy-Duty Fueled Vehicles ("Truck and Bus Amendments" or "Amendments")

(SCH# 2014032012)

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: April 24-25, 2014; Agenda Item# 14-3-2
November 20, 2014; Agenda Item #14-9-7

Project Description: The Truck and Bus Amendments provide fleet owners still suffering from economic recession impacts more flexibility to comply with the regulation to better preserve the emissions benefits the regulation was designed to achieve. The Amendments focus on three objectives: (1) protecting emission reductions by providing lower cost compliance options to small fleets, low mileage fleets, & certain rural fleets in areas with cleaner air; (2) providing new opportunities for fleets to access public incentive funds; and (3) recognizing fleets that made early investments to comply. To achieve these objectives, the amendments include:

- A longer phase-in period for PM requirements in certain rural areas while continuing to ensure compliance with diesel risk reduction program goals.
- Additional time and a lower cost pathway for small fleets to achieve compliance with PM requirements, while re-opening opportunities for these fleets to apply and receive public incentive funding.
- A compliance pathway for owners currently financially unable to comply and cannot qualify for a loan to finance compliance.
- A longer compliance timeline for low-use and certain vocational or work trucks that travel fewer annual miles and are not competitive in obtaining incentive funding.
- Recognition of fleets that took early action to comply by providing additional useable life for retrofit trucks.

The regulation, as amended, will lead to continued reductions in pollutant, continued improvement to air quality, and will meet the goals established when the regulation was initially adopted.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board), as the lead agency, adopted the above regulatory action on November 20, 2014.

The Board found that, on the basis of the whole record, the regulatory action will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment. ARB prepared an environmental analysis (EA) in accordance with the requirements of its certified regulatory program under CEQA (Public Resources Code 21080.5; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15251, subd, (d)). The EA, included in the Staff Report prepared for the proposed rulemaking, concluded implementation of the Amendments would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of approval, and findings and a statement of overriding considerations were not adopted for this regulatory action.

Staff prepared written responses to comments received during the 45-day and 15-day comment periods that raised significant environmental issues pertaining to this item. The written responses to these environmental comments are included in the *Response to Comments on the Environmental Analysis Prepared for the Proposed Amendments to the Regulation for In-Use On Road Diesel-Fueled Vehicles (Truck and Bus Regulation)*, included as Attachment B to Resolution 14-41. The Board considered and approved the written responses to these comments as required by ARB's certified regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 60007(a)). The written responses to environmental comments are also included in the Final Statement of Reasons prepared for the Amendments.

The EA included in the Staff Report, the Final Statement of Reasons, and all other related documents, including Attachment B to Resolution 14-41: *Response to Comments on the Environmental Analysis Prepared for the Proposed Amendments to the Regulation for In-Use On Road Diesel-Fueled Vehicles*, are available for public inspection on the ARB rulemaking webpage at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2014/truckbus14/truckbus14.htm>

These documents may also be examined at:

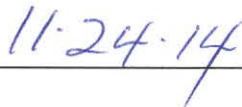
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