

State of California
Environment Protection Agency
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Exemption

- Project Title:** Amendments to On-Board Diagnostic System Requirements and Associated Enforcement Provisions for Passenger Cars, Light-Duty Trucks, and Medium-Duty Vehicles and Engines (OBD II)
- Project Location:** Statewide
- Public Meeting Date:** September 24, 2015; Agenda Item #15-7-8
- Project Description:** Amendments to California's On-Board Diagnostic System Requirements (OBD II Regulation) will account for Low Emission Vehicle III applications, update the monitoring requirements for gasoline and diesel vehicles and engines, and clarify language and definitions where necessary. Additionally, amendments to the associated enforcement provisions for passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles and engines (OBD II Enforcement Regulation) will align with the proposed changes to the OBD II Regulation, including revisions to the mandatory recall provisions for the air-fuel ratio cylinder imbalance monitor for gasoline vehicles, the misfire monitor for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and the misfire and PM filter monitors for light-duty diesel vehicles.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on September 24, 2015.

ARB has determined that this regulation is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 8" exemption (14 CCR 15308) because it is an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment. The action is designed to protect the environment and ARB has determined there is no substantial evidence indicating the proposal could adversely affect air quality or any other environmental resource area, or that any of the exceptions to the exemption apply (14 CCR 15300.2); therefore, this activity is exempt from CEQA. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter III of the Staff Report.

The Staff Report and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the ARB webpage at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2015/obdii2015/obdii2015.htm>

These documents may also be examined at:

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