

State of California
Environment Protection Agency
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Exemption

Project Title: Amendments to the Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: June 29, 2017; Agenda Item #17-7-1

Project Description: The amendments to the reporting regulation continue to support allocation of allowances and the calculation of compliance obligations under the Cap-and-Trade Regulation, ensure that reported GHG emissions data are accurate and complete to support California's climate programs, and to implement the federally mandated U.S. EPA Clean Power Plan (CPP) reporting requirements. The amendments address full accounting of emissions from imported electricity under the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) and include electricity data reporting for the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), a proposed new reporting entity.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on June 29, 2017.

ARB has determined that this regulation is exempt from CEQA under the "general rule" or "common sense" exemption (14 CCR 15061(b)(3)). The common sense exemption states a project is exempt from CEQA if "the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." Based on ARB's review it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the regulation would result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; therefore, this activity is exempt from CEQA. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter IV of the Staff Report.

The Staff Report and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the CARB webpage at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2016/ghg2016/ghg2016.htm>

These documents may also be examined at:

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