

State of California
Environment Protection Agency
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Exemption

- Project Title:** Regulation for Prohibitions on Use of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons in Stationary Refrigeration and Foam End-Uses
- Project Location:** Statewide
- Public Meeting Date:** March 23, 2018; Agenda Item # 18-2-9
- Project Description:** This regulation is for prohibitions on the use of certain high-global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) in stationary refrigeration and foam end-uses. The objective is to preserve HFC emissions reductions expected from the federal Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Rules for certain end-uses for which compliance dates have either already passed or are imminent. A recent United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit decision jeopardizes CARB's partial reliance on the federal SNAP Rules to meet Senate Bill 1383 HFC emissions reduction goals. This regulation is necessary to preserve progress towards these important goals.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on March 23, 2018.

CARB 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 CARB 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 VI 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/2018/casnep/casnep.htm>

These documents may also be examined at:

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