Notice of Exemption

Project Title: Heavy-Duty On-Board Diagnostic System Requirements 2018

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: November 15, 2018, Agenda Item 18-9-4

Project Description: Amendments were made to the heavy-duty (HD) On Board Diagnostic (OBD) and medium-duty OBD II requirements to update the monitoring requirements for gasoline and diesel vehicles, to require more data parameters to be tracked and reported by the engine/vehicle, and to clarify and improve the regulation where necessary. Also, HD OBD enforcement regulation will be updated to align with the changes to the HD OBD regulation and to modify the manufacturer self-testing requirements.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on November 15, 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 IV of the Staff Report.

Staff prepared written responses to comments received during the 45-day comment period that raised environmental issues pertaining to this item. The written responses to these environmental comments are included in the Response to Comments on the Environmental Analysis for the Proposed Revisions to On Board Diagnostic System Requirements including the Introduction of Real Emissions Assessment Logging, for heavy Duty Engines, Passengers cars, Light Duty Trucks and Medium Duty Vehicles and Engines. Before taking final action, the Board considered and approved written responses to these comments as required by CARB’s certified regulations. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17. § 60007(a).)

The Staff Report and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the CARB webpage at: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2018/heavy-duty-board-diagnostic-system-requirements-2018