

December 20, 2022

The Honorable Michael Regan
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RE: Request for Authorization Pursuant to Clean Air Act Section 209(e) for California's 2016 and 2021 Amendments to California's Small Off-Road Engine Regulations

Dear Administrator Regan:

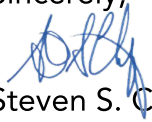
I am writing to request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency grant California an authorization pursuant to Clean Air Act Section 209(e) for its 2016 and 2021 amendments to California's Small Off-Road Engine (commonly referred to as SORE) Regulations which establish emissions standards and other emissions-related requirements for nonroad spark-ignition engines rated at or below 19 kilowatts.

The 2016 Amendments will more effectively ensure that the preexisting SORE program will achieve the emissions reductions associated with the preexisting evaporative emission standards. The 2021 Amendments are estimated to cumulatively reduce statewide emissions by approximately 58,844 tons of oxides of nitrogen, 2030 tons of fine particulate matter, 421,924 tons of reactive organic gases, and 13.8 million metric tons of greenhouse gases between 2023 to 2043.

I am enclosing our authorization analysis, which includes a description of California's rulemaking action, a review of the criteria governing your evaluation of California's request for authorization, CARB's analysis and rationale supporting our request, and supporting documents.

If you need additional technical information on this item, please contact Dr. Manisha Singh, Branch Chief, Quality Management Branch, at Manisha.Singh@arb.ca.gov. Legal questions should be directed to Matthew Christen, Senior Attorney, Legal Office at Matthew.Christen@arb.ca.gov or Alex Wang, Senior Attorney, Legal Office, at Alex.Wang@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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