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Notice of Exemption

Project Title: Amendments to Vapor Recovery Certification Procedures

Project Location: Statewide

Approval Date: July 12, 2023

Project Description: The Amendments to the Vapor Recovery Certification Procedures are administrative in nature. The amendments remove imprecise and unnecessary existing language that does not provide clear instruction for CARB's Executive Officer in approving or rejecting alternative test procedures. In addition the amendments correct small grammatical and typological errors and update the format of the certification procedures to make certification procedures easier to understand for everyone, and more accessible for people with certain visual or reading disabilities.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB), as the lead agency, approved the above regulatory action on July 12, 2023.

CARB has determined that this project is exempt from CEQA under the general rule or "common sense" exemption (14 CCR 15061(b)(3)). CEQA Guidelines states "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". This activity is also 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. Based on CARB's review it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project would result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. Further, the action is designed to protect the environment and CARB found 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://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2023/vapor-recovery-2023>.

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These documents may also be examined at:

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