

Executive Order R-26-004

Relating to Proposed Amendments to the Regulation on Methane Emissions from Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

Whereas, on November 20, 2025, the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) conducted a public hearing to consider the Proposed Amendments to the Regulation on Methane Emissions from Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, as set forth in Appendix A-1 to the Initial Statement of Reasons (Staff Report) released to the public on September 23, 2025;

Whereas, the environmental analysis prepared under CARB's regulatory program certified under Public Resources Code section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15251(d)) in the Staff Report concluded that the Proposed Amendments are categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 1" exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301) for modifications to existing facilities, "Class 2" exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15302) for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities, "Class 3" exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303) for new construction or conversion of small structures, "Class 4" exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304) for minor alterations to land, and "Class 8" exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15308) for actions taken by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment. CARB's explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter VI of the Staff Report;

Whereas, following the public hearing, the Board adopted Resolution 25-14 in which the Board approved for adoption amendments to sections 95462, 95463, 95464, 95465, 95467, 95468, 95469, 95470, 95471, 95475, and Appendix I, and the repeal and reservation of section 95466, title 17, California Code of Regulations, as set forth in Appendix A-1 of the Staff Report;

Whereas, Resolution 25-14, directed the Executive Officer to make any additional conforming modifications deemed appropriate available for public comment, with any additional supporting documents and information, for a period of at least 15 days. The Executive Officer was directed to consider written comments submitted during the public review period and make any additional appropriate conforming modifications available for public comment for at least 15 days, and to take final action to adopt the regulation after addressing all appropriate modifications or present the regulation to the Board for further consideration if warranted;

Whereas, modified regulatory language and supporting documentation were circulated for a 15-day public comment period, with the changes to the originally proposed text clearly indicated, according to provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 44 and Government Code section 11340.85, from April 2, 2026, to April 17, 2026;

Whereas, a number of written comments were received during the initial 45-day comment period and supplemental 15-day comment period, and those comments were considered by the Executive Officer;

Now, Therefore, It Is Ordered that the recitals and findings contained in Resolution 25-14 are incorporated herein.

It Is Further Ordered that amended sections 95462, 95463, 95464, 95465, 95467, 95468, 95469, 95470, 95471, 95475, and Appendix I, title 17, California Code of Regulations, are adopted, and section 95466, title 17, California Code of Regulations, is repealed and reserved, as set forth in the "Final Regulation Order" attached to this Order.

It Is Further Ordered that the adopted regulatory text may be further revised with non-substantial or grammatical changes, which will be added to the rulemaking record and indicated as such.

Executed this 17th day of June 2026 at Sacramento, California.



Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.,
Executive Officer

Attachments