

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Sections Affected: Amendments to title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 60201, 60203, 60205, 60207, and 60210.

Summary: Pursuant to section 39606 of the Health and Safety Code (H&SC), the California Air Resources Board (Board or ARB) is responsible for adopting standards for ambient air quality for each air basin in consideration of public health, safety, and welfare. The Board has adopted State ambient air quality standards (State standards) for ten pollutants, set forth in title 17, CCR, section 70200. The California Clean Air Act in H&SC section 39607(e) requires the Board to establish and periodically review designation criteria which provide the basis for designating areas of California as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment-transitional, or unclassified with respect to the State standards.

The Board originally adopted designation criteria in 1989 and has modified them several times since. The most recent modification occurred in March 2010. The designation criteria are set forth in title 17, CCR, sections 70300 through 70306, and appendices 1 through 3, thereof. The California Clean Air Act in H&SC section 39608 further requires ARB to use these criteria to establish and annually review area designations for the State standards. During the annual review, ARB determines whether changes to the existing area designations are warranted. As set forth in title 17, CCR, sections 70300 through 70306, and appendices 1 through 3, thereof, the Executive Officer, or his or her delegate, has the authority to then designate areas as attainment, nonattainment, or unclassified for the State standards and hold a public hearing, if requested, to review any proposed changes to the State standards.

The Board makes area designations for ten pollutants: ozone, suspended particulate matter (PM₁₀), fine suspended particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, sulfates, lead, hydrogen sulfide, and visibility reducing particles. The area designations comprise title 17, CCR, sections 60200 through 60210.

The ARB staff reviewed the area designations based on air quality data from 2010 through 2012. Based on this review, the Executive Officer, as delegated by the Board, adopted amendments which changed the area designations for five of the criteria pollutants. For fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), that portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin located outside the city of Calexico, and Glenn and Sacramento Counties in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin, were redesignated as attainment. For suspended particulate matter (PM₁₀), Del Norte and Trinity Counties in the North Coast Air Basin, were redesignated as attainment. For nitrogen dioxide, the South Coast Air Basin was redesignated as attainment. For lead (particulate), Los Angeles County in the South Coast Air Basin was redesignated as attainment. The Executive Officer also amended the area designation regulations to reflect the change in designation for ozone from nonattainment-transitional to nonattainment for Yolo County and the Sacramento Valley Air Basin portion of Solano County, and the change in designation from nonattainment-

transitional to attainment for Colusa and Glenn Counties in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin. The amendments to the area designation regulations reflect these changes.

The staff proposal was the same as that described in the Initial Statement of Reasons for Proposed Rulemaking (Staff Report) released on October 23, 2013. No comments were received during the public comment period. There were no requests for a public hearing.