

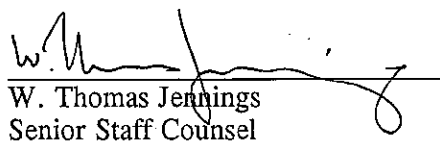
## REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d), the Air Resources Board (ARB) requests that the amendments to Title 13, California Code of Regulations, section 2282 become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Title 13, California Code of Regulations, section 2282 limits the aromatic hydrocarbon content of diesel fuel sold for use in motor vehicles in California. Motor vehicle diesel fuel produced by large refiners or imported into the State is subject to a 10 percent aromatic hydrocarbon content standard. A small refiner is allowed to meet a less stringent 20 percent aromatic hydrocarbon content standard, but there are annual volume limits on the amount of diesel fuel produced by the small refiner that is subject to the 20 percent standard. The volume limit for each small refiner is called the refiner's "exempt volume." The amendments adopted by the ARB provide small refiners with an optional method for determining their exempt volumes. This option will significantly increase the exempt volumes of the four California small refiners that have recently been producing diesel fuel for use in motor vehicles in California. An early effective date for the amendments is necessary and appropriate to help assure that the small refiners' production of diesel fuel in 1995 can be subject to exempt volumes calculated using the optional method.

The small refiners actively participated in the rulemaking and are aware of the amendments. The ARB intends to promptly notify the trade associations that represent California refiners--the Western Independent Refiners Association and the Western States Petroleum Association--of the date on which the amendments become effective.

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