

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Public Availability of Modified Text

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AB 118 AIR QUALITY GUIDELINES FOR THE AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE ALTERNATIVE AND RENEWABLE FUEL AND VEHICLE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Public Hearing Date: September 25, 2008
Public Availability Date: October 27, 2008
Deadline for Public Comment: November 12, 2008

At its September 25, 2008, public hearing, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) approved the adoption of new sections 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, and 2345, title 13, California Code of Regulations, to fulfill the requirements of section 44271 (b) of the Health and Safety Code. Section 44271(b) requires ARB to develop guidelines which ensure that both the Air Quality Improvement Program and the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program complement, and do not interfere with, California's existing air quality programs and maintain or improve upon the emission benefits achieved through these programs.

At the hearing, the staff presented, and the Board approved, three modifications to the regulations originally proposed in the Staff Report released on August 8, 2008. The regulatory language for these approved modifications is attached to this notice. Only section 2343 was modified, and the modifications are as follows:

- The public review period for the full fuel cycle supplemental evaluation has been increased from 10 calendar days to 30 calendar days.
(section 2343(b)(2)(B)2.c.)
- The public review period for the report on localized health impacts has been increased from 10 calendar days to 30 calendar days.
(section 2343(c)(6)(A)).
- The California Energy Commission will be required to consult with ARB when conducting any full fuel cycle supplemental evaluations.
(section 2343(b)(2)(B)2.d.)

Board Resolution 08-40 approving new sections 2340 to 2345, title 13, California Code of Regulations, as modified, as well as other regulatory documents for this rulemaking are available online at the following ARB internet site:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2008/aqipfuels08/aqipfuels08.htm>

In accordance with section 11346.8 of the Government Code, the Board directed the Executive Officer to adopt sections 2343 to 2345, title 13, California Code of Regulations, after making them available to the public for comment for a period of at least 15 days. The Board further provided that the Executive Officer shall consider such written comments as may be submitted during this period, shall make such modifications as may be appropriate in light of the comments received, and shall present the regulations to the Board for further consideration if warranted.

Written comments on the modifications approved by the Board may be submitted by postal mail, electronic mail, or facsimile as follows:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Facsimile submittal: (916) 322-3928

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

In order to be considered by the Executive Officer, comments must be directed to ARB in one of the three forms described above and received by ARB by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date for public comment listed at the beginning of this notice. Only comments relating to the above-described modifications to the text of the regulations shall be considered by the Executive Officer.

Attachments