

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Amendments to the Area Designations for the State Ambient Air Quality Standards

Sections Affected: Amendments to the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 17, section 60201 and 60205, pursuant to sections 39608 and 40925.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

Background: On November 13, 1997, the California Air Resources Board (Board) adopted amendments to the affected sections of the CCR, Title 17, as initially proposed in the staff report entitled: "Proposed Amendments to the Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards, and Proposed Maps of the Area Designations for the State and National Ambient Air Quality Standards," (November 1997). The adopted amendments are summarized in the sections below.

Amendments to the Area Designations

(CCR, Title 17, sections 60201 and 60205)

Based on the designation criteria specified in CCR, Title 17, sections 70300 through 70306 the Board must designate areas as attainment, nonattainment, or unclassified for each of the nine pollutants with State standards. The Board adopted the original area designations in June 1989. As required by HSC section 39608, the Board reviews the area designations annually and updates them as new information becomes available. In addition, HSC section 40925.5 provides that a district meeting the requirements specified in that section shall be designated nonattainment-transitional by operation of law.

Based on this year's annual review, the Board adopted amendments to the designations for one pollutant -- ozone. The Board adopted amendments to the ozone designations for Butte and Glenn County-Sacramento Valley Air Basin (nonattainment to nonattainment-transitional) made by operation of law.