

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Sections Affected: Amendments to Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 70300 through 70306 and Appendices 1, 2, and 3, thereof; amendments to sections 60201, 60202, and 60205; and addition of new section 70303.1; pursuant to section 39608 of the Health and Safety Code (H&SC).

Background: At its public hearing on September 24, 1998, the California Air Resources Board (the "Board") approved the amendment of the criteria used for designating areas with respect to the State ambient air quality standards (State standards), as contained in Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 70300 through 70306 and Appendices 1 through 4, thereof; and the amendment of the area designations for State standards, as contained in Title 17, CCR, sections 60201 through 60209. The approved amendments were modifications of the amendments to the area designation regulations originally proposed in the Initial Statement of Reasons (Staff Report) released on August 7, 1998. The modified amendments were made available for public comment February 11 through February 26, 1999, and are summarized below.

Modified Amendments:

- Instead of being redesignated as nonattainment-transitional, the following districts will retain the designation of nonattainment for ozone:
 - Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District.
 - Placer County Air Pollution Control District
(Mountain Counties Air Basin portion).
 - San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District.
 - Tehama County Air Pollution Control District.
 - Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District.

- Instead of being redesignated as nonattainment, San Diego County will retain the designation of attainment for sulfates.

- In addition, the Board approved several minor, nonsubstantive modifications to the originally proposed amendments to the designation criteria. These modifications affect section 70303.5, the requirements for designation as nonattainment-transitional for ozone.