

## REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d), the Air Resources Board (ARB) requests that the amendments to section 80101 and new sections 80155, 80156, 80157, 80158, and 80159 of title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. Good cause for this request exists as follows.

The regulation sets forth requirements for the submittal of a regulatory program adopted by local government to facilitate rice straw burning for the purpose of disease control. The program has statutory implementation dates beginning in the fall of 2001 (See Health and Safety Code section 41865). An early effective date is needed to support the short timeline for implementation of the regulatory program. The regulation is required to enforce an orderly procedure that rice growers must follow to comply with program requirements for obtaining conditional rice straw burn permits. In order for the required regulatory actions to be enforceable, the regulation must be effective in the fall of 2001.

The local government entity required to adopt the final program is the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council (Basinwide Council). The Basinwide Council has already acted in good faith to develop and submit a draft program for approval by the ARB in compliance with the requirements of this regulation. The Basinwide Council is depending upon approval of the regulation by the Office of Administrative Law as soon as practicable to support their efforts to implement and enforce this program, which requires actions from the rice industry and local county government agencies.

The ARB intends to notify both private and public affected parties promptly of the date on which the amendments are submitted to the Office of Administrative Law and again when the regulations become effective. None of the parties affected by the amendments will be disadvantaged by the requested early effective date, and compliance with the statute will be facilitated.

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