

State of California
Environment Protection Agency
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Decision

Project Title: Amendments to Small Off-Road Engine (SORE) and Tier 4 Off-Road CI Engine Regulations and Test Procedures (SCH# 2011111002)

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: 12/16/2011; Agenda Item 11-10-4

Project Description: Staff proposes to amend ARB's Small off-Road Engine (SORE) test procedures in order to more completely harmonize with the applicable federal test procedures. Staff proposes to also amend the Tier 4 Off-Road Compression-Ignition (CI) Engine Test Procedures in order to establish a more complete harmonization with the applicable federal test procedures, as they existed initially in 2005. In addition, staff proposes to amend the current Tier 4 Off-Road CI Engine regulations in order to better harmonize with federal amendments adopted since 2005, including a recently adopted alternative oxides of nitrogen plus non-methane hydrocarbon (NOx+NMHC) emission standard. These amendments will reduce manufacturers' certification-related testing and compliance burdens without affecting the effectiveness of the applicable test procedures. Staff also proposes to amend the certification exhaust emission test fuel requirements required for the off-road spark-ignition engine categories (i.e., SORE, large spark-ignition, off-highway recreational vehicles, and recreational marine) to align with the 10-percent ethanol gasoline blend adopted for on-road motor vehicles by the Board in January 2012, and to allow other renewable-fuel blends that may be certified by ARB, as well.

Approved By: Air Resources Board
Executive Order R-12-005
Dated: October 25, 2012

This notice is to advise that ARB, as the lead agency, has adopted the above described regulatory action on October 25, 2012 and determined that the regulatory action will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment (see attached Executive Order R-12-005).

In accordance with CEQA and ARB's certified regulatory program, ARB prepared an environmental analysis as part of the Staff Report: Initial Statement of Reasons for Amendments to SORE and Tier 4 Off-Road CI Engine Regulations and Test Procedures.

The Staff Report identified no significant adverse environmental effects, and no comments were received identifying any significant environmental issues pertaining to this item.

No mitigation measures, findings, or statement of overriding considerations were adopted for this regulatory action because the regulation will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The copy of the environmental analysis included in the Staff Report and the Final Statement of Reasons are available at the ARB rulemaking webpage at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2011/soreci2011/soreci2011.htm>.

These rulemaking documents may also be examined at:

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Attachments:

- Executive Order R-12-005