

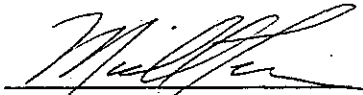
REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4, the Air Resources Board (ARB) requests an early effective date for the enclosed amendments to Title 13, California Code of Regulations, section 2403, Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures -- Utility and Lawn and Garden Equipment Engines, and the incorporated test procedures. The ARB requests that the proposed amendments be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. Good cause for this request exists.

The amendments were adopted by ARB in response to a petition filed by industry. The amendments modify the carbon monoxide (CO) standard for Class 1 and 2 engine families from 300 grams per brake-horsepower-hour (g/bhp-hr) to 350 g/bhp-hr. The modification will afford manufacturers greater flexibility in certifying engines in California and will guarantee wider product availability and better performing engines that will benefit consumers, manufacturers and wholesale and retail distributors. An early effective date will help assure that manufacturers will continue to have a full product range on the market.

Implementation of the utility and lawn and garden regulations commenced on August 1, 1995. Although several manufacturers who have had difficulty meeting the 300 g/bhp have been able to continue to market inventory produced prior to August 1, 1995, that inventory has now largely been exhausted. Failure to provide for an early effective date could have a potential adverse impact on these manufacturers and may prevent California consumers from having a full range of products available. On the other hand, an early effective date will not have any adverse consequences for the regulated community or the general public. ARB will notify all affected manufacturers of the effective date of the amendments as soon as it is known.

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