

REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d), the Air Resources Board (ARB) requests that the amendment to section 2292.6 of Title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR), becomes effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. Good cause for this request exists.

Section 2292.6, in conjunction with section 2291, controls the properties of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) that is sold commercially for use in motor vehicles in California. The required specifications include a maximum limit on the propene content of vehicular LPG. Until January 1, 1997, the limit is ten percent by volume; as of January 1, 1997 the limit declines to five percent. The amendment adopted in this rulemaking extends the ten percent propene limit until January 1, 1999.

There is good cause for the amendments to become effective on filing with the Secretary of State. The ARB extended the ten percent propene content limit after concluding that implementation of the five-percent propene content standard on January 1, 1997 would likely result in a vehicular LPG supply problem in northern California and in the San Joaquin Valley. In light of this rulemaking, since January 1, 1997 the ARB has refrained from enforcing the five percent propene content limit. An early effective date will bring certainty for the regulated community.

Date: _____

W. Thomas Jennings
Senior Staff Counsel