

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Public Availability of Modified Text

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATIONS
FOR LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS INTENDED FOR USE IN MOTOR VEHICLES**

Public Hearing Date:	December 10, 1998
Public Availability Date:	January 14, 1999
Deadline for Public Comment:	January 29, 1999

At a public hearing held December 11, 1998, the Air Resources Board (the ARB or Board) considered amendments to the "Specifications for Liquefied Petroleum Gas" (LPG), section 2292.6, title 13, California Code of Regulations. The proposed amendments would place final limits on the propene and butane contents of LPG intended for use in motor vehicles, and are described in detail in the Staff Report (Initial Statement of Reasons for Proposed Rulemaking) released on October 23, 1998.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board approved the originally proposed amendments with four modifications suggested by the staff. The first set of modifications clarified the proposed amendments limiting butenes, butanes and heavier hydrocarbons. The original proposal imposed a maximum limit of 5.0 percent by volume (vol.%) for "butanes, butenes and heavier"; this was modified to apply to "butenes, butanes and heavier" since butanes are heavier than butenes. The original proposal also added a new 0.5 vol.% limit on "butenes, pentanes, and heavier." Staff's intent in the proposal had been to include pentenes in the group of compounds, but they were excluded by the proposed language because pentenes are lighter than pentanes. A modification was made to reflect staff's original intent by identifying the category as "butenes and heavier, excluding butanes." A further modification reduced the maximum permissible sulfur content in motor vehicle LPG from 120 parts per million by weight (ppmw) to 80 ppmw, to harmonize with the current gasoline sulfur limit. Finally, in furtherance of the program for periodic sunset reviews of regulations, the final modification adds a statement that in five years the ARB will review the California Code of Regulations chapter containing the motor vehicle LPG specifications to determine whether it should be retained, revised or repealed.

Attached is Resolution 98-80, in which the Board took action on the proposed amendments. Attachment B to the resolution contains the language of the proposed amendments clearly indicating the four modifications described above. In accordance with section 11346.8 of the Government Code, the Board in Resolution 98-80 directed the Executive Officer to make the text of the modified amendment available to the public for a supplemental written comment period of 15 days. He is then directed either to adopt the amendments with such additional modifications as may be appropriate in light of the comments received, or to present the regulations to the Board for further consideration if warranted in light of the comments.

This notice serves to announce the supplemental comment period. Written comments on the proposed modifications must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, California 95812, no later than the deadline for public comment identified above, for consideration by the Executive Officer prior to final action. Only comments relating to the modifications described in this notice will be considered by the Executive Officer.

Sincerely,

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Attachment