REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

REGULATIONS TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM AUXILIARY DIESEL ENGINES AND DIESEL-ELECTRIC ENGINES OPERATED ON OCEAN-GOING VESSELS WITHIN CALIFORNIA WATERS AND 24 NAUTICAL MILES OF THE CALIFORNIA BASELINE

Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(c), the Air Resources Board (ARB) requests that its new regulation and airborne toxic control measure (ATCM) for auxiliary diesel engines and diesel-electric engines on ocean-going vessels become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. Good cause for this request exists.

This rulemaking consists of the adoption of new section 2299.1, title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR), and an essentially identical ATCM in new section 93118, title 17, CCR.

The regulation and ATCM prescribe new diesel particulate matter (PM), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), and oxides of sulfur (SOx) emission reduction and other requirements for ocean-going vessels that operate in Regulated California Waters (generally around 24 nautical miles seaward of California's coast) and visit a California port, roadstead, or terminal facility.

The ARB staff is requesting that the regulation and ATCM be effective on filing with the Secretary of State so as to support timely implementation of the regulation and timely recordkeeping of specified data – which is required as of January 1, 2007.

The ARB staff will promptly notify affected shipping companies, shipping agents, various shipping trade associations, and other interested stakeholders of the effective date as soon as the regulation and ATCM are filed with the Secretary of State.

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