

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER I-16-008

Independent Contractor Approval Pursuant to
California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 91207

Almega Environmental & Technical Services

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board (ARB), pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, section 41512, has established the procedures contained in California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 91200 and following, to allow the use of independent testers for compliance tests required by ARB;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Almega Environmental & Technical Services meets the requirements of ARB for performing ARB Test Methods 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 100 (CO, CO₂, NO_x, O₂, SO₂), and Visible Emissions Evaluation (VEE) pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., title 17, section 91200 and following, when the following conditions are met:

1. Almega Environmental & Technical Services permanently marks or engraves an identification number on the body of each of its pitot tubes in accordance with section 2.1 of ARB Test Method 2;
2. Almega Environmental & Technical Services calibrates its differential pressure gauges after each test series in accordance with section 2.2 of ARB Test Method 2, and establishes and maintains a log of the calibrations;
3. Almega Environmental & Technical Services calibrates its temperature gauges in accordance with section 4.3 of ARB Test Method 2 and establishes and maintains a log of the calibrations;
4. Almega Environmental & Technical Services uses a filter holder and filter support in accordance with section 2.1.5 of ARB Test Method 5;
5. Almega Environmental & Technical Services calibrates its metering system in accordance with section 5.3 of ARB Test Method 5, and establishes and maintains a log of the calibrations;
6. Almega Environmental & Technical Services acquires and uses 25-mL, and 100-mL volumetric pipettes in accordance with section 2.3.1 of ARB Test Method 8;
7. Almega Environmental & Technical Services acquires and uses a 125-mL dropping bottle in accordance with section 2.3.6 of ARB Test Method 8;

8. The person performing VEE passed ARB Compliance Training Course #100: Fundamentals of Enforcement (FOE)/Visible Emissions Evaluation (Smoke School) and is currently certified to conduct VEE. Any recertification for VEE, following the initial passage of ARB's FOE, must be from a certifying body recognized by ARB at the time VEE is performed;
9. Almega Environmental & Technical Services locks its sample storage areas or seals its sample containers when they are not being processed;
10. Almega Environmental & Technical Services participates in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Stationary Source Compliance Audit Program for ARB Test Method 8; and

WHEREAS, ARB Executive Officer, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, section 39516, issued Executive Order G-02-008, delegating to the Chief of ARB Monitoring and Laboratory Division (MLD) the authority to approve independent testers in accordance with Cal. Code Regs., title 17, section 91200 and following.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael T. Benjamin, Chief of MLD, order that Almega Environmental & Technical Services is granted approval from the date of execution of this order until June 30, 2018, to perform the test methods identified above subject to compliance with Cal. Code Regs., title 17, section 91200 and following.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that during the approved period the Executive Officer or his or her authorized representative may field audit one or more tests performed pursuant to this order for each test method identified above.

Executed at Sacramento, California, this 28th day of April 2016.



Dr. Michael T. Benjamin, Chief
Monitoring and Laboratory Division