

FACTS ABOUT

Greenhouse Gas Mandatory Reporting Regulation

Assembly Bill 32 Requirements¹

AB 32 required California Air Resources Board (ARB) to adopt a regulation requiring the mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases (GHG) by January 1, 2008. Specifically, in developing the GHG reporting regulation, the ARB was charged to:

- Require annual GHG emissions reporting, beginning with the largest emission sources;
- Account for GHG emissions from all electricity consumed in the state, including imports and line losses;
- Strive for consistency with existing and proposed GHG emissions reporting programs;
- Ensure rigorous and consistent emissions accounting, and provide reporting tools and formats that ensure necessary data collection;
- Maintain records of all reported emissions, and meet other requirements.

Revised Mandatory GHG Reporting Rule Adopted

ARB originally adopted a Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (the regulation) in December 2007². Significant amendments to the regulation were adopted in December 2010, becoming effective on January 1, 2012.³ The amended ARB regulation was developed to support the ARB cap-and-trade⁴ program for greenhouse emissions and to harmonize with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) GHG Reporting Rule (CFR 40 Part 98)⁵. The amended ARB regulation requires all future reports, beginning with the submittal of 2011 data in 2012, to comply with the revised requirements.

This fact sheet is currently incomplete. In the interim, please refer to mandatory reporting web page for complete requirements, as well as ARB guidance documents available here:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/reporting/ghg-rep/ghg-rep.htm>

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¹ AB 32 Chaptered, www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/05-06/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ab_32_bill_20060927_chaptered.pdf

² 2007 MRR, <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2007/ghg2007/ghg2007.htm>

³ 2010 Revised MRR, <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2010/ghg2010/ghg2010.htm>

⁴ <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm>

⁵ Current version of Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 98, Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting, http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title40/40cfr98_main_02.tpl