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Implementation of the 2012 Revisions to the Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

During 2012, the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) adopted proposed revisions to the Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 95100 et seq.) (reporting regulation or MRR). These most recent modifications became effective on January 1, 2013. The MRR was developed pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (the Act). The reporting regulation was originally adopted by the Board in December 2007, with additional modifications approved for adoption by the Board in December 2010.

Some of the 2012 revisions to the MRR will apply to reporting of 2012 data in 2013. These revisions reflect clarifications to existing reporting requirements, voluntary reporting requirements, and instances wherein ARB had previously simply incorporated US EPA reporting rule requirements, but has now directly listed out those requirements in the MRR to improve clarity. Other revisions will only take effect for the collection of and reporting for 2013 data reported in 2014. These revisions include those which involve new reporting methodologies, new reporting requirements and new reporting sectors. This document is provided to assist reporting entities and verification bodies understand which revisions are applicable to 2012 data reported in 2013, and which are applicable to 2013 data reported in 2014 and future years.

Implementation of the 2012 revisions to the MRR was evaluated based on whether each revision involved an actual change (or addition) in reporting methodology or simply a clarification to existing requirements for reporting emissions data. Some of the revisions which are in effect for 2012 data reported in 2013 are:

- Eliminating the verification requirements for no-threshold facilities, as described in section 95101(a)(1)(A) of the MRR;
- Clarifying the unit aggregation requirements for general stationary combustion facilities; and
- Allowing use of best available monitoring methods for petroleum and natural gas systems industry segments for 2012 data reporting.

Requirements that apply to 2013 data reported in 2014 generally apply to new requirements, which may include different or new data collection and reporting methodologies, and therefore may require additional time to implement. These requirements were not in effect during the 2012 data collection year, but are required for data collection beginning January 1, 2013. The majority of these types of changes are located in subarticle 5 of the MRR, which refers to the petroleum and natural gas systems sector (although a subarticle 5 reporting entity has the ability to report using the

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updated method for its 2012 data may choose to do so under ARB's reporting tool). Also applicable to 2013 data reported in 2014 are the threshold determinations for abbreviated reporting and petroleum and natural gas systems.

For a more comprehensive description of the regulatory revisions and the year of applicability, please see Attachment 1. Attachment 1 is a spreadsheet that allows a user to sort the regulatory requirements by regulatory section or primary sector.

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