



Advisory

PHASE 3 REFORMULATED GASOLINE REGULATIONS

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Coefficients in the CaRFG 3 Predictive Model Procedures Guide

The purpose of this advisory is to clarify which Predictive Model equations ARB will use to determine compliance with the Phase 3 California Reformulated Gasoline regulations (CaRFG3).

This advisory is in regard to the August 7, 2008 version of the "California Procedures for Evaluating Alternative Specifications for Phase 3 Reformulated Gasoline Using the California Predictive Model" (Procedures Guide). The Procedures Guide is incorporated by reference throughout the CaRFG 3 regulations and thus is a part of the regulations. This version of the Procedures Guide must be used by producers and importers beginning December 31, 2009. Some producers and importers have elected to use this version before the required date.

CARB has discovered incorrect coefficients in the Predictive Model equations in the Procedures Guide. These errors have a minor impact on the Predictive Model.

On its web site, CARB has posted electronic report forms that incorporate the PM equations that must be used beginning December 31, 2009. These report forms are found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/gasoline/premodel/premodel.htm> and are listed in the table under the column labeled "New Predictive Model and CARBOB Model (effective date December 31, 2009)." These report forms were provided to industry to assist with compliance. The coefficients in these Predictive Model and CARBOB Model electronic report forms are correct, but inadvertently differ from the coefficients in the Procedures Guide.

In order to correct the coefficients in the incorporated Procedures Guide, CARB must comply with the Administrative Procedures Act, which includes a Board Hearing. CARB will make these corrections in the next few months. In the interim, CARB will accept Predictive Model formulations that score a "pass" using either the coefficients in the Procedures Guide or the coefficients in the Predictive Model or CARBOB Model electronic report forms.

For producers or importers electing to use the coefficients in the Procedures Guide, please contact Luz Amanda Ciccarelli of the Enforcement Division at (916) 327-2942 or by e-mail at lcicare@arb.ca.gov for notification instructions to be submitted with your Predictive Model formulations. For producers or importers choosing to use the coefficients in the Predictive Model or CARBOB Model electronic report forms, no additional notification is necessary.

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