



Enforcement Division

# Advisory

To: Owners of Diesel Trucks and Buses  
That Operate in California

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## **TRUCK AND BUS REGULATION IMPLEMENTING AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD ON DECEMBER 17, 2010**

The purpose of this advisory is to explain administrative changes in implementing the requirements of the Truck and Bus Regulation consistent with the amendments considered by the Board on December 17, 2010.

### **Regulation Background**

On December 11, 2008, the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) approved for adoption the Truck and Bus regulation to control emissions from nearly all existing diesel powered heavy-duty trucks and buses operating in California. The regulation became effective under California law on January 8, 2010. The regulation applies to diesel fueled trucks and buses with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 pounds that are privately owned, federally owned, and to publicly and privately owned school buses. Local and state government owned diesel fueled trucks and buses are already subject to ARB regulations.

At the time of approving the initially adopted regulation, the Board determined that the regulation would significantly reduce harmful emissions including particulate matter (PM) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) from trucks and buses between 2011 and 2023 and that the emission reductions anticipated from the regulation were critically needed for the state to bring these areas into attainment of national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). Among other things, the regulation would require fleets to install exhaust retrofits that capture pollutants before they are emitted into the atmosphere, and to accelerate replacement to cleaner emitting vehicles and engines. The regulation would also require fleet owners to maintain records and file reports with the Board to take advantage of more flexible compliance options and other provisions in the regulation.

In an update to the Board on December 9, 2009, a staff analysis showed that because of the global recession emissions from trucks and buses covered by the regulation were lower than originally anticipated. The Board, then directed staff to propose amendments to the Truck and Bus Regulation that would provide additional flexibility for fleets without impairing the State's ability to meet the NAAQS.

On December 17, 2010, the staff recommended to the Board that the regulation be amended to address the Board's 2009 directions. The amendments would delay the initial January 1, 2011 compliance date by one year and would defer engine replacements by 2 or more years for most fleets. Under the Administrative Procedures Act, before the amendments may become effective,

they must first be approved by the Office of Administrative Law and certified by the Secretary of State. This process may take up to one year.

### **Administrative Changes**

Because the amendments will not become effective for at least several months, the following steps are being taken administratively to provide fleets with notice that certain requirements that will be delayed pending approval by the Office of Administrative Law.

- The initial compliance date of January 1, 2011 will not be enforced consistent with the amendments to delay the initial requirement to January 1, 2012.
- The initial reporting deadline of January 31, 2011 for fleets utilizing provisions for added flexibility and early compliance credits will be moved to January 31, 2012.
- The reporting period for fleets to apply for agricultural vehicle provisions is being extended until March 31, 2011. Fleets that have already reported for the mileage based agricultural vehicle provisions must also report by March 31, 2011 instead of January 31, 2011 to satisfy their annual reporting requirement.
- Fleets that operate two engine street sweepers with Tier 0 auxiliary engines must report by March 31, 2011 to satisfy their annual reporting requirements.

### **For More Information**

For further information about training, compliance tools or the full text of the Truck and Bus Regulation ([13 CCR 2025 et seq](#)), please visit our website at [www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck](http://www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck), or call 866-6DIESEL (866-634-3735), or email us at [8666diesel@arb.ca.gov](mailto:8666diesel@arb.ca.gov).