

California Air Resources Board responds to Cleaire ceasing operations

The California Air Resources Board has learned that Cleaire Advanced Emission Controls, a manufacturer of diesel particulate filters, ceased operations on Friday, January 18, 2013. This in turn will likely have an effect on the warranties and parts availability of Cleaire filters until Cleaire's financial situation is resolved. ARB is committed to ensuring that these impacts are minimized and wishes to make it clear that affected owners and fleets with Cleaire filters, as noted in ARB records, will not be penalized for missing deadlines with applicable ARB regulations until this situation is resolved. Fleet owners who have devices from other manufacturers will not be affected by Cleaire's closure, and will continue to be subject to applicable regulations.

ARB is working closely with Cleaire distributors, installers, and other authorized representatives to meet the current challenge, and to make sure that affected fleets have alternative compliance options if replacement parts are unavailable.

To assist fleets affected by the company's dissolution, ARB has posted a letter to Cleaire customers with helpful information:

www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/companies/cleaire/cleairepage.htm

The letter contains guidance for affected fleets regarding Cleaire retrofit devices that have been installed on vehicles and equipment operating in California.