Small Off-Road Engine Regulation Events Timeline

8/8/03	Staff Report Released
9/25/03	Board Hearing—Staff proposes revision to standards to address industry concerns. Revised standards supported by Honda, Tecumseh Power Company, Kawasaki Motors Corporation, and Kohler Company. Air Resources Board (ARB) approves revised standards.
10/15/03	State Fire Marshall John Tennant provides a letter supporting ARB's regulation
11/11/03	Letter from California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA) to Feinstein—supporting regulations because safety concerns will be addressed through a study.
11/23/03	Congress passes bill with Bond language, stripping other states of the ability to adopt California small engine regulations. National Research Council Study funded by Bond to evaluate value of California having authority to set emission standards; lawnmowers expressly included.
4/05	ARB submits waiver request to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).
6/05	2nd Bond Amendment requires U.S. EPA Safety Study to implement California standards.
10/05	U.S. EPA safety study updates are presented to the International Consortium for Fire Safety. Four engine manufacturers state that complying products will be safe.
1/18/06	Feinstein sent a letter to U.S. EPA Administrator urging the agency to finish the study so that the California regulation could proceed.
3/15/06	National Research Council's findings support ARB's ability to pass emission regulations. One key finding is that the U.S. EPA waiver process should be expedited.
3/06	U.S. EPA releases comprehensive lawn mower safety study which concludes that properly designed catalyst systems are safe.
Early 2006	EPA Staff worked on California waiver hearing announcement.
5/15/06	U.S. EPA held another public meeting on the results of the safety study.
6/29/2006	California waiver hearing in Washington, D.C.
2006/2007	Catalyst-based standards go into effect beginning with the 2007 model year engines/equipment, so immediate U.S. EPA action is needed.