

REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d), the Air Resources Board ("ARB" or the "Board") requests that the amendments to section 1968.1(m), Title 13, California Code of Regulations, become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. Good cause for this request exists.

An early effective date is necessary in that at least one of the companies affected by the amendment, the Ford Motor Company, must have certainty that the amendments will become effective by September 16, 1993 or it will have to delay delivery of certain 1994 model year vehicles. (See copy of attached letter from the General Counsel of Ford.)

The amendments, which were approved for adoption on July 9, 1993 by the Board pursuant to Part 5 of the Health and Safety Code, provide manufacturers, such as Ford, with the right to certify and sell vehicles in California, even though the on-board diagnostic systems on such vehicles do not meet all of the monitoring requirements of section 1968.1. An early effective date for the amendments would provide manufacturers with assurance that the not fully complying vehicles could be sold in California immediately upon approval by OAL.

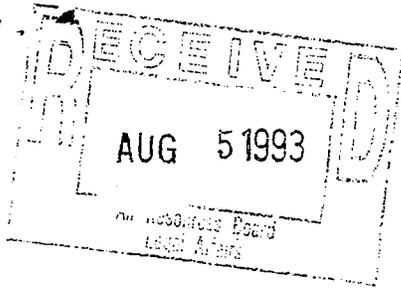
The parties directly affected by the amendments are the manufacturers who have not been able to fully comply with all of the monitoring requirements of section 1968.1. An early effective date will not have an adverse impact on the ability of such manufacturers to comply with the regulations. Indeed, to the contrary, an early effective date will benefit the manufacturers as explained in the paragraph above. The ARB will notify all affected manufacturers of the effective date of the amendments as soon as it is known.

Date:

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Dear Mike:

As we discussed on Tuesday, July 27, Ford Motor Company requests that the modification to Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 1968.1 be finalized on an expedited basis. Ford is very concerned that the rule be finalized as soon as possible because Job #1 for the 1994 California Thunderbird/Cougar is scheduled for September 13, 1993. If the rule has not been finalized by this date, release of these vehicles will be delayed. Please call me if I can be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

Thomas M. Falahee

