

State of California
Environment Protection Agency
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Decision

- Project Title:** Regulation on the Commercialization of Alternative Diesel Fuels
(SCH# 2014122073)
- Project Location:** Statewide
- Public Meeting Dates:** February 19, 2015 and September 24-25, 2015; Agenda Item #15-7-1
- Project Description:** The Regulation on the Commercialization of Alternative Diesel Fuels (ADF) will establish a comprehensive legal path to bring new or emerging diesel fuel substitutes to the commercial market in California, while protecting public health and the environment. It also establishes specific rules for biodiesel fuel use to ensure ARB's goals of protecting public health and the environment are met.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board), as the lead agency, adopted the above regulatory proposal on September 25, 2015.

ARB prepared a draft environmental analysis under its certified regulatory program (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15251, subd, (d)) that covered both the ADF regulation and the proposed re-adoption of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) in the document entitled *Draft Environmental Analysis Prepared for the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and Alternative Diesel Fuel Regulations* (Draft EA). The Draft EA was included as Appendix D to the respective Initial Statement of Reason (ISOR) prepared for each of the proposed regulations, and circulated for public review and comment from January 2, 2015 through February 17, 2015.

The Draft EA found that although the policy aspects and requirements of the proposed ADF and LCFS regulations do not directly change the physical environment, there are potential indirect physical changes caused by reasonably foreseeable actions undertaken by entities in response to the proposed regulations. Staff prepared written responses to comments received that raised environmental issues regarding these proposals during the comment period. The written responses to these environmental comments are included in a document entitled *Response to Comments to the Environmental Analysis prepared for the Re-Adoption of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and Alternative Diesel Fuel Regulation*. Following the public hearing held on September 24, 2015, staff prepared written responses to additional comments received at the hearing raising environmental issues in a document entitled *Supplement to the Responses to Comments on the Draft Environmental Analysis for the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and Alternative Diesel Fuel Regulations*. Staff also prepared the Final EA, which includes minor revisions to the Draft EA.

Before taking action on the proposed regulation, the Board considered and approved the written responses to Draft EA comments as required by ARB's certified regulations (Cal. Code Regs.,

tit. 17, §60007(a)) and certified the Final EA. The Board adopted findings and a statement of overriding considerations as part of its action on the proposed regulation.

The Final EA, the written response documents, and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the ARB rulemaking webpage at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2015/adf2015/adf2015.htm> for Alternative Diesel Fuel Regulation;
and <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2015/lcfs2015/lcfs2015.htm> for Low Carbon Fuel Standard Regulation.

These documents may also be examined at:

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