Notice of Exemption

Project Title: Amendments to the Evaporative Emission Requirements for Small Off-Road Engines

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: November 17, 2016; Agenda Item #16-10-2

Project Description: Amendments to address non-compliance of small off-road engines (SORE) with existing evaporative emission standards, as well as amendments to streamline the certification process by harmonizing where feasible with federal requirements. SORE are used to power a broad range of lawn and garden equipment as well as generators and small industrial equipment.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on November 17, 2016.

CARB has determined that these amendments is exempt from CEQA under the general rule or "common sense" exemption (14 CCR 15061(b)(3)). CEQA Guidelines states "the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA". This activity is also categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 8" exemption (14 CCR 15308) because it is an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment. Based on ARB's review it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the amendments would result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. Further, the action is designed to protect the environment and ARB found no substantial evidence indicating the proposal could adversely affect air quality or any other environmental resource area, or that any of the exceptions to the exemption apply (14 CCR 15300.2). Therefore, this activity is exempt from CEQA. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter IV of the Staff Report.

The Staff Report and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the ARB webpage at: https://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2016/sore2016/sore2016.htm.

These documents may also be examined at:

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