

Update for Interested Stakeholders

Over the past three years, staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) released preliminary drafts and held workshops regarding proposed amendments to the airborne toxic control measure (ATCM) to reduce formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products. We want to emphasize that our proposed amendments are draft and are not finalized. Any proposed amendments will not be legally effective until considered and approved by our Board, and subsequent review and approval by the California Office of Administrative Law. This is not expected to happen until sometime in late 2015 or early 2016. It is important that anyone subject to the requirements in the ATCM continue to follow the current adopted regulatory requirements that can be found at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2007/compwood07/fro-final.pdf>.

As you may also be aware, in 2013 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a federal regulation of composite wood products. We are in regular communication with EPA staff and understand that EPA hopes to finalize their regulation by the end of 2015 or early 2016. The EPA regulation will take effect one year after it is finalized. ARB staff has worked with EPA staff in an attempt to harmonize ARB's ATCM and the federal regulation to the extent possible, to minimize differences between the two regulations.

If you have questions regarding our proposed amendments, please contact Mr. Lynn Baker at (916) 324-6997 or email lbaker@arb.ca.gov, or Ms. Angela Csondes at (916) 445-4448 or email acsondes@arb.ca.gov.