

State of California
Environment Protection Agency
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Decision

Project Title: Amendments to the LEV III Criteria Pollutant Requirements for Light- and Medium-Duty Vehicles, the Hybrid Electric Vehicle Test Procedures, and the Heavy-Duty Otto-Cycle and Heavy-Duty Diesel Test Procedures (SCH# 2011122029)

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: October 23, 2014; Agenda Item # 14-8-1

Project Description: The amendments to the LEV III regulation include changes in the following areas:

- Alignment of certain LEV III provisions with the federal Tier 3 program in order to provide additional flexibility to industry and incorporation of some requirements of the Tier 3 program that are more stringent;
- Clarification of existing requirements;
- Establishment of new requirements to prevent an increase in emissions from the vehicle fleet; and
- Regulatory changes that are administrative in nature.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above regulatory action on October 23, 2014.


ARB determined that the LEV III amendments are covered by the prior environmental analysis (EA) prepared for LEV III in December 2011 when it was proposed as part of the package of regulations referred to as the Advance Clean Cars Program (ACC). The 2011 ACC EA provided a programmatic level analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with the ACC Program, including LEV III. No adverse environmental impacts were identified for the LEV III regulations. The current amendments do not involve any changes that result in new significant adverse impacts and there are no changes in circumstances or new information that would otherwise warrant any subsequent environmental review. An explanation of ARB's decision to not prepare a subsequent or supplemental EA for the amendments is included in the functional equivalent of an addendum to the 2011 ACC EA in Chapter VII of the Staff Report (Initial Statement of Reasons) released September 2, 2014.

ARB did not receive any written comments raising significant environmental issues pertaining to these amendments.

The Staff Report, and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the ARB rulemaking webpage at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2014/leviii2014/leviii2014.htm>

These documents may also be examined at:

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