

Board Administration and Regulatory Coordination Unit

Division 3. Air Resources Board

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§ 94546. Violations.

(a) Any person who commits a violation of this article is subject to the penalties specified in Health and Safety Code, section 42400 et seq. Failure to meet any requirement of this article or any condition of an applicable Executive Order shall constitute a single, separate violation of this article for each day until such requirement or condition is satisfied, except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) through (h) of this section.

(b) False reporting of any information contained in an ACP application, or any supporting documentation or amendments thereto, shall constitute a single, separate violation of the requirements of this article for each day that the approved ACP is in effect.

(c) Any exceedance during the applicable compliance period of the VOC content specified for an ACP product in the Executive Order approving an ACP shall constitute a single, separate violation of the requirements of this article for each ACP product which exceeds the specified VOC Content that is sold, supplied, offered for sale, or manufactured for use in California.

(d) Any of the following actions shall each constitute a single, separate violation of the requirements of this article for each day after the applicable deadline until the requirement is satisfied:

(1) Failure to report data (i.e., "missing data") or failure to report data accurately (i.e., "inaccurate data") in writing to the Executive Officer regarding the VOC content, LVP Content, Enforceable Sales, or any other information required by any deadline specified in the applicable Executive Order;

(2) False reporting of any information submitted to the Executive Officer for determining compliance with the ACP requirements;

(3) Failure to completely implement the reconciliation of shortfalls plan that is set forth in the Executive Order, within 30 working days from the date of written notification of a shortfall by the Executive Officer;

(4) Failure to completely reconcile the shortfall as specified in the Executive Order, within 90 working days from the date of written notification of a shortfall by the Executive Officer.

(e) False reporting or failure to report any of the information specified in section 94547(b)(9), or the sale or transfer of invalid Surplus Reductions, shall constitute a single, separate violation of the requirements of this article for each day during the time period for which the Surplus Reductions are claimed to be valid.

(f) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, any exceedance of the ACP Limit for any compliance period that the ACP is in effect shall constitute a single, separate violation of the requirements of this article for each day of the applicable compliance period. The Executive Officer shall determine whether an exceedance of the ACP Limit has occurred as follows:

(1) If the responsible ACP party has provided all required information for the applicable compliance period specified in the Executive Order approving an ACP, then the Executive Officer shall determine whether an exceedance has occurred using the Enforceable Sales records and VOC Content for each ACP product, as reported by the responsible ACP party for the applicable compliance period;

(2) If the responsible ACP party has failed to provide all the required information specified in the Executive Order for an applicable compliance period, the Executive Officer shall determine whether an exceedance of the ACP Limit has occurred as follows:

(A) for the missing data days, the Executive Officer shall calculate the total maximum historical emissions, as specified in section 94542(a)(28); (B) for the remaining portion of the compliance period which are not missing data days, the Executive Officer shall calculate the emissions for each ACP product using the Enforceable Sales records and VOC Content that were reported for that portion of the applicable compliance period;

(C) the ACP Emissions for the entire compliance period shall be the sum of the total maximum historical emissions, determined pursuant to subsection (f)(2)(A), and the emissions determined pursuant to subsection (f)(2)(B);

(D) the Executive Officer shall calculate the ACP Limit for the entire compliance period using the ACP Standards applicable to each ACP product and the Enforceable Sales records specified in subsection (f)(2)(B). The Enforceable Sales for each ACP Product during missing data days, as specified in subsection (f)(2)(A), shall be zero (0);

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(E) an exceedance of the ACP Limit has occurred when the ACP Emissions, determined pursuant to subsection (f)(2)(C), exceeds the ACP Limit, determined pursuant to subsection (f)(2)(D).

(g) If a violation specified in subsection (f) of this section occurs, the responsible ACP party may, pursuant to this paragraph, establish the number of violations as calculated according to the following equation:

$$NEV = (ACP\ Emissions - ACP\ Limit) \times \frac{1\ violation}{40\ pounds}$$

where,

NEV = number of ACP Limit violations

ACP Emissions = the ACP Emissions for the compliance period

ACP Limit = the ACP Limit for the compliance period

The responsible ACP party may determine the number of ACP Limit violations pursuant to this paragraph only if it has provided all required information for the applicable compliance period, as specified in the Executive Order approving the ACP. By choosing this option, the responsible ACP party waives any and all legal objections to the calculation of the ACP Limit violations pursuant to this subsection (g).

(h) In assessing the amount of penalties for any violation occurring pursuant to subsections (a) -- (g) of this section, the circumstances identified in Health and Safety Code section 42403(b) shall be taken into consideration.

(i) A cause of action against a responsible ACP party under this section shall be deemed to accrue on the date(s) when the records establishing a violation are received by the Executive Officer.

(j) The responsible ACP party is fully liable for compliance with the requirements of this article, even if the responsible ACP party contracts with or otherwise relies on another person to carry out some or all of the requirements of this article.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 39600, 39601 and 41712, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 39002, 39600, 40000, 41712, 42400-42403 and 42404.5, Health and Safety Code; and section 338(k), Code of Civil Procedure.

REFERENCE