

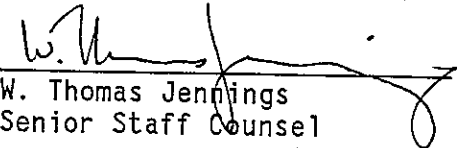
REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d), the Air Resources Board (ARB) requests that the amendments to sections 2258(c), 2251.5(c), and 2263(c) of Title 13, California Code of Regulations, become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. Good cause for this request exists.

Section 2258 establishes minimum and maximum oxygen content requirements for gasoline sold in the wintertime from November 1992 through February 1996. For the coming wintertime season, the oxygen content limits apply to gasoline sold on and after October 1, 1995. Section 2258(c) identifies the test method to be used in determining compliance with the oxygen content requirements. The amendments to section 2258(c) adopted by the ARB change the designation of the test method by referencing the updated American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) Method D 4815-94. The instrumentation, materials, operating parameters and procedures used in this updated method are identical or nearly identical to those used in the previously designated method. However, the updated method contains an improved calibration procedure, which improves the precision of the test method as reflected in an improved reproducibility. It is necessary for the amendments designating the updated method to become effective on filing with the Secretary of State so that the updated method will apply throughout the coming 1995-96 wintertime oxygenate season.

The ARB intends to notify gasoline producers and distributors promptly of the date on which the amendments become effective. This will be done by promptly advising the Western States Petroleum Association (the trade association representing large refiners), the Western Independent Refiners Association (the trade association representing small refiners) and the California Independent Oil Marketers Association.

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