



Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2005!

This Week in Review – December 27-31, 2004

(1) Rhode Island Adopts California's LEV II Standards (December 21, 2004) – Rhode Island filed regulations adopting California's Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) II standards for new vehicles beginning with model year 2008 vehicles. According to a statement by the Rhode Island governor, the regulations will reduce hydrocarbon emissions in Rhode Island by 16 percent, air toxics emissions by 25 percent and greenhouse gas emissions by two percent by the year 2020. Rhode Island joins Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine and New York in adopting the California program. New Jersey is in the process of adopting the California standards. The regulations will go into effect on January 10, 2005. [For further information: www.state.ri.us/dem/pubs/regs/regs/air/air37-05.pdf]

(2) New Web Site Lists Air Pollution Reduction Methods for Agricultural Sources (December 27, 2004) – The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) has created a web site that lists strategies for reducing air pollution from agricultural sources. CAPCOA created the web site to comply with California's SB 700, which called for CAPCOA to develop by January 1, 2005 a clearinghouse of mitigation measures or strategies available for agricultural sources. The web site contains information on controlling air pollution from dairy, beef, poultry and other animal farming operations as well as from field crop and orchard crop operations. [For further information: Air Web – Agriculture Committee page]

(3) EPA Extends Comment Period on Options for PM "Hot Spots" Analyses for Transportation Conformity (December 29, 2004) – In response to requests by STAPPA and ALAPCO and other stakeholders, EPA is extending the comment period for the supplemental proposal that includes additional options for assessing localized impacts of individual transportation projects in particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀) nonattainment and maintenance areas. The supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the *Federal Register* on December 13, 2004. EPA is extending the comment period for the proposed rule to January 27, 2005. There is a call for STAPPA and ALAPCO members on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 from 1 to 2 p.m. Eastern time to develop comments on the supplemental proposal. [For further information: Air Web – Mobile Sources Committee page]

The Week Ahead

- U.S. Senate Convenes – January 4, 2005

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