

indefinitely extended the provision allowing compliance with California OBD II requirements to satisfy federal OBD requirements. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has recently revised their OBD II requirements and, accordingly, today's rulemaking promulgates appropriate revisions to Federal OBD regulations including: an update to the acceptable version of the California OBD II regulations that allows compliance with California OBD II regulations to satisfy Federal OBD regulations; inclusion of relevant sections pertaining to California OBD II catalyst monitoring requirements when accepting manufacturers' demonstration of compliance with California OBD II; an update of the incorporation by reference of standardized practices developed by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to incorporate recently published versions, while also incorporating by reference a new standardized protocol developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and establishing a future date by which this protocol will be the only acceptable protocol; and a technical amendment to the optional chassis certification requirements for heavy-duty (HD) vehicles weighing 14,000 pounds GVWR or less. OBD systems in general provide substantial benefits to the environment by diagnosing and alerting operators, vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) personnel, and service providers of deterioration or malfunction of emission related control systems.

DATES: This direct final rule becomes effective August 18, 2003 without further notice, unless we receive adverse comments by July 17, 2003 or we receive a request for a public hearing by July 2, 2003. Should EPA receive any adverse comments on this direct final rule, we will publish a subsequent action in the **Federal Register** withdrawing an amendment, paragraph, or section of this final rule. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved August 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All comments and materials relevant to today's action should be submitted to Public Docket No. A-2002-20 at the following address: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Public Reading Room, Room B102, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government holidays. You can reach the Reading Room by telephone at (202) 566-1742, and by facsimile at (202) 566-1741. The telephone number for the Air Docket is (202) 566-1742. You may be charged a reasonable fee for photocopying docket materials, as provided in 40 CFR part 2. A request for hearing should be made to the person noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arvon L. Mitcham, Certification and Compliance Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, Telephone 734-214-4522, or Internet e-mail at "mitcham.arvon@epa.gov."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is publishing this direct final rule without prior proposal because we view this action as noncontroversial and anticipate no adverse comment. However, in the "Proposed Rules" section of today's **Federal Register** publication, we are publishing a separate document that will serve as the proposal to adopt the provisions in this direct final rule if adverse comments are filed. This rule will be effective on August 18, 2003 without further notice unless we receive adverse comment by July 17, 2003 or a request for a public hearing by July 2, 2003. If we receive adverse comment on one or more distinct amendments, paragraphs, or sections of this rulemaking, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** indicating which provisions are being withdrawn due to adverse comment. We may address all adverse comments in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time. Any distinct amendment, paragraph, or section of today's rulemaking for which we do not receive adverse comment will become effective on the date set out above, notwithstanding any adverse comment on any other distinct amendment, paragraph, or section of today's rule.

Regulated Entities

Entities potentially regulated by this action are those which manufacture new motor vehicles and engines.

Category	Examples of regulated entities	NAICS Codes ^a	SIC Codes ^b
Industry	New motor vehicle and engine manufacturers	33611, 336112, 336120	3711

^aNorth American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code.

^bStandard Industrial Classification (SIC) System Code. This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities EPA is now aware could potentially be regulated by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be regulated. To determine whether your product is regulated by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability criteria in §§ 86.005-17, 86.1806-04, and 86.1806-05 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular product, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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