

Appendix A

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Initial SIP Requirements for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard

COMMENTERS:

Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)

COMMENT: As the Air District builds out its pollution control strategies for the *2023 PM2.5 Plan*, the agency should pursue both near-term and long-term emission reductions through regional zero-NOx appliance standards for space and water heating. (RMI)

RESPONSE: CARB began the public process for the development of zero-emission appliance standards in May 2023. CARB has committed to conduct an extensive investigation into this measure, develop a proposed rule through meaningful public engagement, and bring the proposed rule before their Board by 2025. The District continues to support CARB in the development and implementation of this measure, as it will result in emission reductions and associated health benefits in the San Joaquin Valley. Additionally, the District and CARB are continuing to evaluate potential control measures to develop the attainment strategy for the upcoming Plan, including the potential to achieve earlier emissions reductions from building appliances through regulatory and incentive-based approaches, taking into consideration technologic and economic feasibility for Valley residents.

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