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DF-130 (REV 10/25)

Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: California Air Resources Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Embodied Carbon Reporting and Fee Regulation	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: September 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 17, California Code of Regulations Sections	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: HSC §38561.3 , HSC §38561.6
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The board will consider adoption of embodied carbon reporting requirements developed pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 2446 (2022) and AB43 (2023). This regulation will establish reporting and record keeping requirements for covered products and covered projects in the state's building sector. The reported data will inform a framework for measuring the average carbon intensity of materials used in the construction of new buildings and for ensuring that manufacturers' products comply with any applicable emissions reduction targets pursuant to Health & Safety Code sections 38561.3 and 38561.6.	Contact Person: Hanjiro Ambrose Email Address: hanjiro.ambrose@arb.ca.gov Telephone Number: 12792087547 Mailing Address: 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA

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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: CalEPA - California Air Resources Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Proposed Amendments to Off-Road Diesel Engine Emission Standards (Tier 5 Criteria Pollutant Standards)	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: 1/12/2027
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 13, §§ 2422; Proposed new Title 13 §§ 2112.1, 2113.1, 2114.1, 2116.1, 2118.1, 2121.1, 2122.1, 2124.1, 2125.1, 2126.1, 2127.1, 2128.1	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Health & Safety Code §§ 38501, 38505, 38510, 38560, 39600, 39601, 43000, 43009.5, 43013, 43018, 43101, 43104, 43105, 43106, 43107
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The Amendments to the Tier 4 Off-Road Compression-Ignition Engine Emission Standards and Test Procedures and Adoption of New Tier 5 Off-Road Compression-Ignition Engine Emission Standards and Test Procedures would impose new requirements on engine manufacturers that would reduce emissions by up to 90 percent from engines in new off-road equipment versus current Tier 4 levels. These new standards are designed to reduce emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), particulate matter (PM), and non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHC), improve air quality and safeguard public health. Additionally, other Tier 5 elements such as new standards and test procedures for low load emissions, revised useful life, warranty and defects reporting requirements, new and enhanced in-use screening and testing provisions, and off-road on-board diagnostics would help keep in-use emissions low.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: CalEPA - California Air Resources Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Drive Forward Light-Duty Vehicle Program	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: December 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 13, §§ 1900, 1961.2.1, 1961.3, 1961.3.1, 1961.4, 1961.5, 1962.2.1, 1962.3, 1962.3.1, 1962.4, 1962.5, 1962.6, 1962.7, 1962.8, 1965, 1965.1, 1969, 1969.0.1, 1976, 1976.0.1, 1978, 1978.0.1, 1981.1, 1981.1, 1981.3, 1981.4, 1981.5, 1982.1, 1982.2, 1982.3, 1982.4, 1982.5, 1982.6, 2139, 2903, 2904, and associated test procedures	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Health & Saf. Code §§ 38501, 38505, 38510, 38560, 38562, 39002, 39003, 39500, 39600, 39601, 39602.5, 39667, 43000, 43013, 43016, 43018, 43018.5, 43019, 43019.1, 43100, 43101, 43102, 43104, 43105, 43106, 43107, 43200, 43200.1, 43202.6, 43204, 43205, 43600
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The Board will consider the adoption of the Drive Forward Light-Duty Vehicle Program which includes: new light-duty greenhouse gas standards; new criteria air pollutant standards for light- and medium-duty vehicles, new light-duty zero-emission vehicle standards; new zero-emission vehicle certification standards; updated certification fees for zero-emission vehicles; and new window sticker requirements. Staff will also clarify or revise existing provisions as needed.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: CalEPA - California Air Resources Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Carbon capture, Utilization, and Sequestration Program	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: Oct 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 17 95700 et seq	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Senate Bill (SB) 905 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2022)
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): SB 905 directs CARB, in consultation with other state agencies, to create a carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) program to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and viability of CCUS technologies and carbon dioxide removal (CDR) technologies and facilitate the capture and sequestration of carbon dioxide from those technologies, where appropriate, and to adopt associated regulations. As part of the rulemaking, CARB will develop a unified permit application for the construction and operation of CCUS and CDR projects; financial responsibility requirements for CCUS and CDR projects; reporting requirements to ensure efficacy, safety, and viability of CCUS and CDR projects; and other requirements for project monitoring to protect public health and safety.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: CalEPA - California Air Resources Board		
Name of Proposed Regulation: California Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reporting Regulation		Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: October 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: N/A (first-time regulation)		Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: HSC § 38532
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Staff will present for Board consideration a regulation to implement HSC § 38532, which codifies the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act (SB 253, Wiener, 2023; as modified by SB 219, Wiener, 2024). The regulation will include requirements for reporting scope 1, 2, and 3 corporate greenhouse gas emissions for large US-based corporations that do business in California. The requirements may cover reporting deadlines, data assurance provisions, and enforcement.		Contact Person: Paul Furumo Email Address: paul.furumo@arb.ca.gov Telephone Number: (279) 216-0662 Mailing Address: 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: CalEPA - California Air Resources Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Performance Standards for Continuously Operating Emissions Detection Systems for SB 1137	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: December 15, 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 17, §§ 93500 through 93506 (proposed)	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Senate Bill 1137
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Staff will present for Board consideration draft regulations to establish performance standards for the continuously operating emissions detection systems (EDS) to be included in the leak detection and response plans. Performance standards are necessary to identify the minimum requirements for EDS that support the early detection of leaks before emissions impact surrounding communities.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: CalEPA - California Air Resources Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Regulation for the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market-Based Compliance Mechanisms (Cap-and-Invest)	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: May 28, 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 17, CCR, sections 95801-96022	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: H&S code, sec. 385100 et. seq., H&S code sec. 39600
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The Board will consider amendments to the Cap-and-Invest Regulation (formerly Cap-and-Trade) informed by Assembly Bill (AB) 1207, AB 1279, Senate Bill 32, and the 2022 Scoping Plan Update. The potential amendments are designed to ensure the Program provides the steady long-term price signal, appropriate incentives, and regulatory certainty to support the economy-wide deep decarbonization needed through mid-century and reflect evolving state policy and implementation experience. Proposed amendments include aligning annual allowance budgets with statutory climate targets, reflecting legislative direction in AB 1207, bolstering the cost-containment mechanism, updating market rules, maintaining rate payer price protection on energy bills, and maintaining allowance allocation to industry to incentivize clean manufacturing in California.	Contact Person:
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: CalEPA - California Air Resources Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Zero-Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Space and Water Heater Standards	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: First Quarter of 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: <small>17 CCR Division 3, Chapter 1, Subchapter 10, Article 4, Adding New Subarticle 15: Greenhouse Gas Emission Requirements for Space and Water</small>	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Health & Safety Code § 38500 et seq., (AB 32), § 38562.2 (AB 1279), and § 38566 (SB 32)
<p>Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less):</p> <p>Buildings in California are responsible for roughly 12% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and 9% of statewide smog-forming nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions. Given that direct emissions from space and water heaters account for about 80% of building-related GHG emissions, zero-GHG emission standards are critical for meeting California's climate and air quality targets while also providing significant health benefits. California is facing the impacts of climate change more than other parts of North America with more frequent and severe drought conditions, heat waves, reduced snowpack, variable precipitation, and increased wildfires. Despite significant air quality improvements over the past few decades, over half of Californians live in areas that still fail to attain health protective federal air quality standards. While climate change and air quality impacts all Californians, vulnerable and disadvantaged communities are facing some of the worst effects. The proposed regulation would establish phased sales limits on new GHG-emissive space and water heaters, accelerating the adoption of zero-GHG emission equipment. A GHG-emissive space or water heater is defined as any unit of equipment that emits more than zero (0.0) percent of CO₂e emissions by volume during operation. To provide compliance flexibility, the standards include an optional credit system that allows equipment manufacturers to earn, bank, or trade credits. The standards would not place any restrictions on the use, maintenance, or repair of existing space and water heaters. The primary goal of this regulation is to reduce both GHG and NOx emissions from new space and water heaters sold in California to improve public health.</p>	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Division of Circular Economy	
Name of Proposed Regulation: AB 1143 Paint Products	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: August 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: 14 CCR sections 18950-18958	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Public Resources Code section 48700 et. seq.
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The California Architectural Paint Recovery Program (Public Resources Code (PRC) section 48700-48707) requires manufacturers of architectural paint to develop and implement a recovery program to manage the reuse, recycling, and proper disposal of postconsumer architectural paint. CalRecycle adopted regulations (Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) section 18950-18958) in 2012 to clarify the law. The scope of this rulemaking will cover clarifications necessary to implement changes made to the Architectural Paint Recovery Program enacted by AB 1526 in 2023 and SB 1143 in 2024. CalRecycle had begun informal rulemaking activities pursuant to AB 1526, which authorized CalRecycle to adopt regulations necessary to implement the chapter, when SB 1143 was enacted in 2024, which requires CalRecycle to adopt regulations. This rulemaking will include, but is not limited to, defining terms introduced in AB 1526 and SB 1143; modifying plan and annual report requirements to address the addition of aerosol coatings, coating-related products, and nonindustrial coatings; removing the requirement for manufacturers or stewardship organizations to submit hard copies of plans and annual reports to CalRecycle in addition to electronic copies; and modifying sections that are duplicative of CalRecycle's existing practices, such as approving annual fees.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: CalEPA - Dept. of Resources Recycling and Recovery	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: August 2025
CCR Title and Sections Affected: 14 CCR 18980.1 - 18980.14, and 18981	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Pub. Res. Code 42040-42084
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Senate Bill 54 (Stats. 2022, Ch. 75) requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt regulations to implement the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (Pub. Res. Code sections 42040-42084). These regulations must cover, among other things, creation, administration, and oversight of an extended producer responsibility program for covered single-use packaging and covered plastic single-use food service ware. CalRecycle conducted a formal rulemaking from March 2024 to March 2025 to promulgate implementing regulations, but did not submit the rulemaking package to OAL. CalRecycle started a new formal rulemaking in August 2025 and anticipates completion by the end of 2025; however, in the event rulemaking activities unexpectedly extend into 2026, this rulemaking is on the 2026 calendar.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Division of Circular Economy	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Revisions to Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship Regulations	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: June 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: 14 CCR sections 18972.1 et. seq.	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Public Resources Code sections 42030 et. seq.
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Propose keeping this rulemaking on the 2026 rulemaking calendar to address certain statutory provisions staff have determined, over the course of program implementation, would benefit from clarification in regulations.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: CalEPA - Dept. of Resources Recycling and Recovery	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: February 2027
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 14 CCR, section 17990 et seq.	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Public Resources Code sections 48100 et seq.
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The Farm and Ranch program has operated under regulations written in 2000, but the needs and situations of grantees have evolved. Historically, the program remained under subscribed in part due to difficulties that applicants have had meeting administrative requirements. This included eligibility requirements as well as the restriction that prevents any HHW from being part of a clean-up grant. Staff proposes broadening the definition of public entity to expand the type of applicants allowed and also to provide alternative affidavits for proof that the owner of the land was not the source of illegal dumping. Staff additionally proposes allowing incidental amounts of HHW within the clean-up activities. These proposals have been piloted and have subsequently led to much more participation in the farm and ranch grants, leading to increased clean up of illegal dump sites across California.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Division of Circular Economy	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Revisions to Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Program	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: June 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: 14 CCR sections 18958-18971	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Public Resources Code sections 42985-72994
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Propose keeping this rulemaking on the 2026 rulemaking calendar to address certain statutory provisions staff have determined, over the course of program implementation, would benefit from clarification in regulations.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Division of Circular Economy	
Name of Proposed Regulation: AB 863 Carpet Recycling	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: May 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: 14 CCR 18940-18948	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Public Resources Code section 42970 et. seq.
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The Product Stewardship for Carpets law (Public Resources Code (PRC) section 42970-42983) requires carpet manufacturers to develop and implement a stewardship program for the collection, reuse, recycling, and proper disposal of postconsumer carpet. CalRecycle adopted regulations (Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) section 18940-18948) in 2011 to clarify the law. Assembly Bill (AB) 863 (Aguilar-Curry, Chapter 675), which was enacted in 2024 and requires CalRecycle to adopt regulations necessary to implement the chapter, amended the Product Stewardship for Carpets law and replaces it with a new carpet EPR law that establishes a carpet stewardship program with a single producer responsibility organization (PRO), different performance standards, and higher penalty amounts than the existing program, among other changes. This rulemaking will include, but is not limited to, defining terms introduced in AB 863, redefining terms used in the current statute, modifying plan and annual report requirements, modifying funding mechanism requirements, removing the current advisory committee, and allocating funds to grant and apprenticeship programs.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Division of Circular Economy, Product Stewardship Branch	
Name of Proposed Regulation: SB 707 Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: October 2027
CCR Title and Sections Affected: TBD	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Public Resources Code section 42984 et seq.
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Senate Bill 707 (Stats. 2022, Ch. 864) requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt regulations to implement the Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024 (Pub. Res. Code sections 42984-42984.27). These regulations must cover, among other things, the creation, administration, and oversight of an extended producer responsibility program for textile articles and apparel. Regulations must be adopted no earlier than July 1, 2028, so formal rulemaking is expected to begin in 2027, but informal rulemaking may start in 2026.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Division of Circular Economy, Waste Permitting, Compliance, and Mitigation Division	
Name of Proposed Regulation: AB 2440 (Irwin) Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: February 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: 14 CCR 18976 - 18976.16	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Public Resources Code sections 42420-42428
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Assembly Bill 2440 (Stats. 2022, Ch. 351) requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt regulations, in consultation with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), to implement the Responsible Battery Recycling Act (Pub. Res. Code sections 42420-42428). These regulations must cover, among other things, the creation, administration, and oversight of an extended producer responsibility program for covered batteries. CalRecycle began informal rulemaking in October 2023 and conducted three informal regulatory workshops during 2024 and 2025. The extensive process of developing the draft regulations, in consultation with DTSC and in consideration of the public feedback received during the informal rulemaking process, necessitates delaying the start of formal rulemaking to 2026.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Defensible Space Regulations	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: July 1, 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: 14 CCR 1298 et seq and 1299 et seq.	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: PRC 4290, 4291, 4291.3, GOV 51182
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The purpose of the proposed regulation is to provide guidance for implementing the defensible space criteria of existing statute, Public Resources Code Section 4291, and minimize the spread of fire around a building or structure.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: California Energy Commission, Fuels and Transportation Division	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Replacement Tire Energy Efficiency Program	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: January 16, 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 20, Division 2, Ch. 14, Article 1, Sections 3301-3311	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Public Resources Code 25770-25773
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Assembly Bill (AB) 844 (Nation, Chapter 645, Statutes of 2003) mandates the California Energy Commission to address the issue that replacement tires for passenger cars and light-duty trucks are, on average, less energy-efficient than original equipment tires that come equipped on new vehicles. Tire efficiency has a significant impact on the energy consumption of vehicles; it affects vehicle fuel costs and the associated greenhouse gas emissions due to the correlation between the rolling resistance of a tire and the fuel consumption of a vehicle. This proposed regulation will establish minimum efficiency requirements for most replacement tires sold for use on light-duty vehicles in California starting in 2028. The associated SRIA evaluates the economic and fiscal impacts of these replacement tire efficiency standards on consumers, businesses, and government agencies within the state.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: 1115 Department of Cannabis Control	
Name of Proposed Regulation: California Cannabis Track and Trace (CCTT) System Changes	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: March 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: <small>Title 4 Division 19, Department of Cannabis Control, Sec. 15047.1, 15049, 15049.2, 15049.4, 15304, 15305, 15305.1, 15306, 15307, 15404.1, 157</small>	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: <small>Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) within the Business and Professions Code</small>
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The proposed regulatory changes improve the accuracy and quality of data entered in the CCTT system by licensees, which will protect public health and safety by reducing opportunities for diversion of cannabis to the illicit market, cannabinoid potency inflation, and laboratory shopping. The changes also increase transparency and improve public confidence in California's regulated cannabis industry by giving consumers full access to test results for all cannabis goods being sold at retail.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: 1115 Department of Cannabis Control	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Combined Activities License & Ownership Updates	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: Summer 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: <small>Title 4 Division 19. Department of Cannabis Control, Sec. 15000, 15000.1, 15000.3, 15002, 15003, 15006, 15014, 15019, 15020.1, 15020.2, 1502</small>	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: <small>Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) within the Business and Professions Code</small>
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The proposed regulations will implement Senate Bill 1064 and Assembly Bill 179. Senate Bill 1064 creates a new license type, modifies the definition of premises, removes excessive concentration as an application consideration, and modifies ownership requirements. Assembly Bill 179 removes the fingerprint requirement for certain owners.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: DIR/Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Workplace Violence Prevention	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: December 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 8, New Section	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Labor Code §6401.9
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Requirements to protect employees from workplace violence by implementing appropriate prevention policies and protective measures including a workplace violence prevention plan, training, correction of workplace violence vulnerabilities, and record-keeping. This would apply to most employers except for certain law-enforcement, corrections, small businesses with less than 10 employees, and employers covered by title 8 section 3342 Violence Prevention in Health Care.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: DIR/Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Process Safety Management for Refineries	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: December 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 8, Section 5189.1	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Labor Code §7851-7873
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The proposal will expand the scope of section 5189.1 "Process Safety Management for Petroleum Refineries" beyond petroleum refineries to also include biofuel and renewable fuel refineries. The proposal will rename the regulation to "Process Safety Management for Refineries."	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: DIR/Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Medical Services and First Aid	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: December 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 8, §1512 & §3400	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Labor Code §6723
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The proposal will require employers to include in their first aid materials an opioid antagonist approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: DIR/Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Heat Illness Prevention	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: December 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 8 §3395 & §3396	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Labor Code §6721
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less):	
<p>(A) Require employers to distribute a copy of the Heat Illness Prevention Plan to all new employees upon hire and upon training required by Section 3395 and 3396 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, but no more than twice per year to each employee.</p> <p>(B) Require employers to distribute a copy of the Heat Illness Prevention Plan to all employees at least once on an annual basis.</p> <p>(C) Require additional protections to acclimatize employees to higher temperatures.</p>	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: DIR/Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: December 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 8, New Section	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Labor Code §144.8
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Requirements to protect employees from exposure to antineoplastic and other hazardous drugs using the following: engineering controls, personal protective equipment, work practice controls, training, medical surveillance, and record-keeping. This would apply to all health care settings where employees are exposed to hazardous drugs.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: DIR/Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Brush Chippers	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: December 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 8 sections 3420 and 3424	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Labor Code Section 142.3
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Amends sections 3420 and 3424 to require employers to augment wood chippers with passive safety devices (install detection technology) to enhance worker protections and the safety of wood chippers.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: DIR/Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Article 2 Walking Working Surfaces	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: December 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 8 Article 2. Sections 3209, (new) 3209.1, 3210 (new 3210.1, 3210.2, 3210.3, 3210.4) and 3212	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Labor Code Section 142.3
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): Amend Title 8 Article 2. Sections 3209, (new) 3209.1, 3210, (new 3210.1, 3210.2, 3210.3, 3210.4) and 3212 to be At Least As Effective (ALAE) as the Federal Walking-Working Surfaces standard, which was published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2016.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS, Harm Reduction Unit	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Materials Necessary to Prevent Communicable Diseases, Overdose, Injury or Disability (Emergency regulation)	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: 9/24/2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 17, Section 7001 (new)	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: Health and Safety Code section 121349.1
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The proposed regulations will implement Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 121349.1 by deeming certain materials necessary to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, or to prevent drug overdose, injury, or disability. This action will clarify the protections provided by HSC section 121349.1 to staff, volunteers, and participants of authorized syringe services programs (SSPs) statewide. Because ongoing and uninterrupted access to these materials is critical to prevent the above-mentioned harms, the proposed regulations are necessary for the immediate preservation of public health and safety.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: Department of Justice; Public Rights Division; Consumer Protection Section	
Name of Proposed Regulation: The Protecting Our Kids from Social Media Addiction Act Regulations	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: March 6, 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 11, Division 1, Chapter 24 or TBD	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: California Health and Safety Code 27000 et seq.
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): As required by the Protecting Our Kids from Social Media Addiction Act (SB 976), the Attorney General is drafting proposed regulations regarding age assurance, parental consent, and related matters.	
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Agency Name and Responsible Agency Unit: California Department of Tax and Fee Administration/ Business Taxes Committee Section	
Name of Proposed Regulation: Software Technology Transfer Agreements	Projected Date of Notice of Proposed Action: September 2026
CCR Title and Sections Affected: Title 18, Sections 1502, 1507, and 1507.1	Statute(s), Propositions or Court Decision Being Implemented: <small>RTC sections 6011 and 6012; Nortel Networks Inc. v. SBOE (2011); and Lucent Technologies, Inc. v. SBOE (2015)</small>
Brief summary of the proposed regulation (1 paragraph or less): The rulemaking action proposes to amend Regulations 1502 and 1507 and adopt new Regulation 1507.1, Software Technology Transfer Agreements. The amendments generally clarify the application of sales and use tax to sales and purchases of prewritten computer programs (prewritten software) in Regulation 1502. The amendments clarify the definition of technology transfer agreement (TTA), the meaning of the reasonable fair market value of tangible personal property (TPP), and how to calculate the cost of the materials and labor used to produce TPP in Regulation 1507. New Regulation 1507.1 implements, interprets and makes specific the TTA statutes (RTC sections 6011, subd. (c)(10), and 6012, subd. (c)(10)) and the Court of Appeal's opinions in Nortel and Lucent, and further clarifies how tax applies to the sale or purchase of patented and/or copyrighted prewritten software transferred on TPP, including patented and/or copyrighted prewritten software transferred pursuant to a software TTA.	
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