

Notice of Agency Rule-making Adoption

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 127 New Motor Vehicle Emission Standards

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER: 2009-195

CONCISE SUMMARY The purpose of this rulemaking is to adopt the amendments to the Low Emission Vehicle Program (LEV) approved by the California Air Resources Board. Maine adopted these amendments in accordance with Section 177 of the Clean Air Act Amendments to remain identical with California's new vehicle emission standards. The amendments to Chapter 127 include changes to the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) program to require commercialization of pure ZEV technologies while recognizing the technological limitations and costs of current vehicles. Other amendments include adopting California's performance labeling which scores a vehicle's global warming and smog emissions; and includes adopting California's new in-use vehicle requirements for 2008 and subsequent model year heavy-duty diesel engines. A copy of this rule is available upon request by contacting the Agency contact person listed below or on the DEP website at www.maine.gov/dep/air/regulations/recentlyadopted.htm.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 20, 2009

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