

## Notice of Exemption

TO: Office of Planning and Research  
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FROM: California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
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Project Title: Rulemaking to Modify Portable Electric Spas Appliance Efficiency Regulations

Project Location: Statewide

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Rulemaking to modify existing appliance efficiency regulations for portable electric spas to:

- 1) Update the referenced test procedure from ANSI/APSP/ICC-14, American National Standard for Portable Electric Spa Energy Efficiency, version year 2014 (APSP-14) to the latest version, APSP-14 version 2019.
- 2) Update the labeling design requirements.

Late 2019, the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) approved and published the revised standard APSP-14 version 2019. The test procedure derives from the ANSI/APSP/ICC-14, American National Standard for Portable Electric Spa Energy Efficiency, version year 2014 (APSP-14). The revised APSP-14 aligns with all of California's efficiency standards, label requirements, and test procedure requirements for portable electric spas adopted in 2018. Other changes adopted in the revised APSP-14, include modifications to simplify test lab qualification and label application clarifications.

Therefore, the proposed regulations will update the test procedure reference and update the labeling design requirements for portable electric spas. The scope coverage will remain the same and continue to cover all types of portable electric spas, such as standard spas, exercise/swim spas, combination spas, and inflatable/collapsible spas. The existing performance standards will not be affected. Statewide energy use and savings and related environmental impacts and benefits will also not be affected. The proposal also includes editorial changes to simplify the structure of existing regulations for portable electric spas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Energy Commission

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption: State type and section number:

- Statutory Exemption: State code number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: Adoption of the amendments is exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to the "common sense" exemption (CEQA Guidelines, 15061, subd. (b)(3)).

Reasons why project is exempt: The amendments to sections 1602, 1604, 1605.3, 1606 and 1607 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations would not have a significant effect on the environment or result in a physical change to the environment. See Memorandum Regarding Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act for Proposed Language Regarding Advances in Computer Technology. Accordingly, these amendments are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because of the "common sense" exemption under section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.