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We have recently received an inquiry asking if the Cellulosic Fiberboard manufactured by the NAFA members needs to comply with the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Composite Wood Products Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for formaldehyde emissions.

The Association watched the development of the ATCM and concluded that Cellulosic Fiberboard was not subject to the rule because Cellulosic Fiberboard is made using a wet forming process which does not require the addition of formaldehyde binders. Because of ongoing questions, we requested a clarification from CARB staff and they agreed to rewrite Question 9 on their Frequently Asked Questions list

CARB maintains the Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) list at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/compwood/implementation/faq.htm#D. Enforcement>.

Question 9 and its answer now reads:

9. Does the ATCM apply to insulating fiberboard or cellulosic fiber insulating board? No. Cellulosic fiber insulating board or insulating fiberboard made to the specifications in ASTM C208-08a include sound deadening board, roof insulation board, ceiling tiles and panels, wall sheathing, backer board and roof deck. These products are not made with synthetic (such as formaldehyde-based) resins and do not meet the definition of HWPW-VC, HWPW-CC, MDF or particle board which are subject to the emission standards in the ATCM.

We would like to thank the staff at CARB for updating the FAQ to clarify that Cellulosic Fiberboard is exempt.

Louis Wagner

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Executive Director