

**State of California
Air Resources Board**

Executive Order I-24-003

**Relating to Independent Contractor Approval under
California Code of Regulations, title 17, section (§) 91200 and following**

Best Environmental

Whereas, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, section 41512, has established the procedures contained in California Code of Regulations, title 17, § 91200 and following, to allow the use of independent testers for compliance tests required by CARB;

Whereas, it has been determined that Best Environmental meets the requirements of CARB for performing CARB Test Methods 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 17, 100 (CO, CO₂, NO_x, O₂, SO₂, THC), Visible Emissions Evaluation (VEE), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Test Methods 15A, 18, 201A, and 202 pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 91200 and following, when the following conditions are met:

1. Best Environmental permanently marks or engraves an identification number on the body of each of its pitot tubes in accordance with section 2.1 of CARB Test Method 2;
2. Best Environmental calibrates its differential pressure gauges after each test series in accordance with section 2.2 of CARB Test Method 2, and establishes and maintains a log of the calibrations;
3. Best Environmental calibrates its pitot tubes in accordance with section 4.1 of CARB Test Method 2, and establishes and maintains a log of the calibrations;
4. Best Environmental uses a filter holder and filter support in accordance with section 2.1.5 of CARB Test Method 5;
5. Best Environmental calibrates its metering system in accordance with section 5.3 of CARB Test Method 5, and establishes and maintains a log of the calibrations;
6. The person performing VEE passed MM104: Visible Emissions Evaluation (Online) and MM105: Visible Emissions Evaluation: In Class and is currently certified to conduct VEE. All recertification for VEE, following the passage of CARB's MM104 and MM105, must be from a certifying body recognized by CARB at the time VEE is performed;
7. Best Environmental installs and uses a small surge tank between the pump and rate meter in accordance with section 6.1.6 of U.S. EPA Test Method 15A;
8. Best Environmental locks its sample storage areas or seals its sample containers when they are not being processed; and

Whereas, CARB Executive Officer, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 39516, issued Executive Order G-02-008, delegating to the Chief of CARB Monitoring and Laboratory Division (MLD) the authority to approve independent testers in accordance with Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 91200 and following.

Now, therefore, I, Walter Ham, Chief, of MLD, order that Best Environmental is granted approval from the date of execution of this Executive Order through June 30, 2025, to perform the test methods identified above, subject to compliance with Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 91200 and following.

It is further ordered, that during the approved period the Executive Officer or his or her authorized representative may field audit one or more tests performed pursuant to this Executive Order for each test method identified above.

It is further ordered that Executive Order I-23-009 is superseded by this order.

Executed at Sacramento, California this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Walter Ham, Ph.D., Chief
Monitoring and Laboratory Division