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Status of Funds for Fuel Cell Systems Participating in the Emerging Renewables Program

This is to provide notice that the funds allocated for fuel cell technologies participating in the Emerging Renewables Program (ERP) have been expended or reserved.

In Chapter III, Section D. Overall Program Funding Limits of the *Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook, Twelfth Edition*, the Energy Commission states that:

Once the funding for a given technology is exhausted, through the payment of rebates and the issuance of rebate reservations, the Energy Commission will stop accepting rebate reservation applications for that technology and will issue a public notice informing consumers that the funds for that technology are exhausted.

Effective immediately, the Energy Commission will no longer be accepting rebate reservation applications for fuel cell systems using renewable fuels.

The Governor's 2011-2012 Budget identifies a \$25 million loan repayment to the Renewable Resources Trust Fund by the end of the current fiscal year. The Governor's 2012-2013 Budget proposes a loan repayment of approximately \$76 million by the end of the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The Energy Commission states in the *Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook, Twelfth Edition* that, "if more funds are made available, additional allocations may be made for each technology. [...] The Energy Commission will issue a public notice announcing any changes to the allocation of funds 30 days before the changes go into effect."

Fuel cell applications that were submitted to the Energy Commission, but ultimately did not receive a rebate reservation due to the shortage of funds, will not be processed and will be returned to the applicants. Any new applications submitted to the Energy Commission after this notice is issued will not be processed and will be returned to the applicants.

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