

Draft AQMD Staff CEQA Greenhouse Gas Significance Threshold



1. Local General Plans or other local plans that, at a minimum, comply with the overall target objective or the sector-based CARB Scoping Plan; have been analyzed under CEQA, and have a certified Final CEQA document; emission estimates approved by CARB or SCAQMD; include a GHG inventory; tracking mechanism; enforcement; and a commitment to remedy the excess emissions if commitments are not met.
2. Substitution for equivalent reductions allowed.

Tier 1: Applicable Exemptions, if any

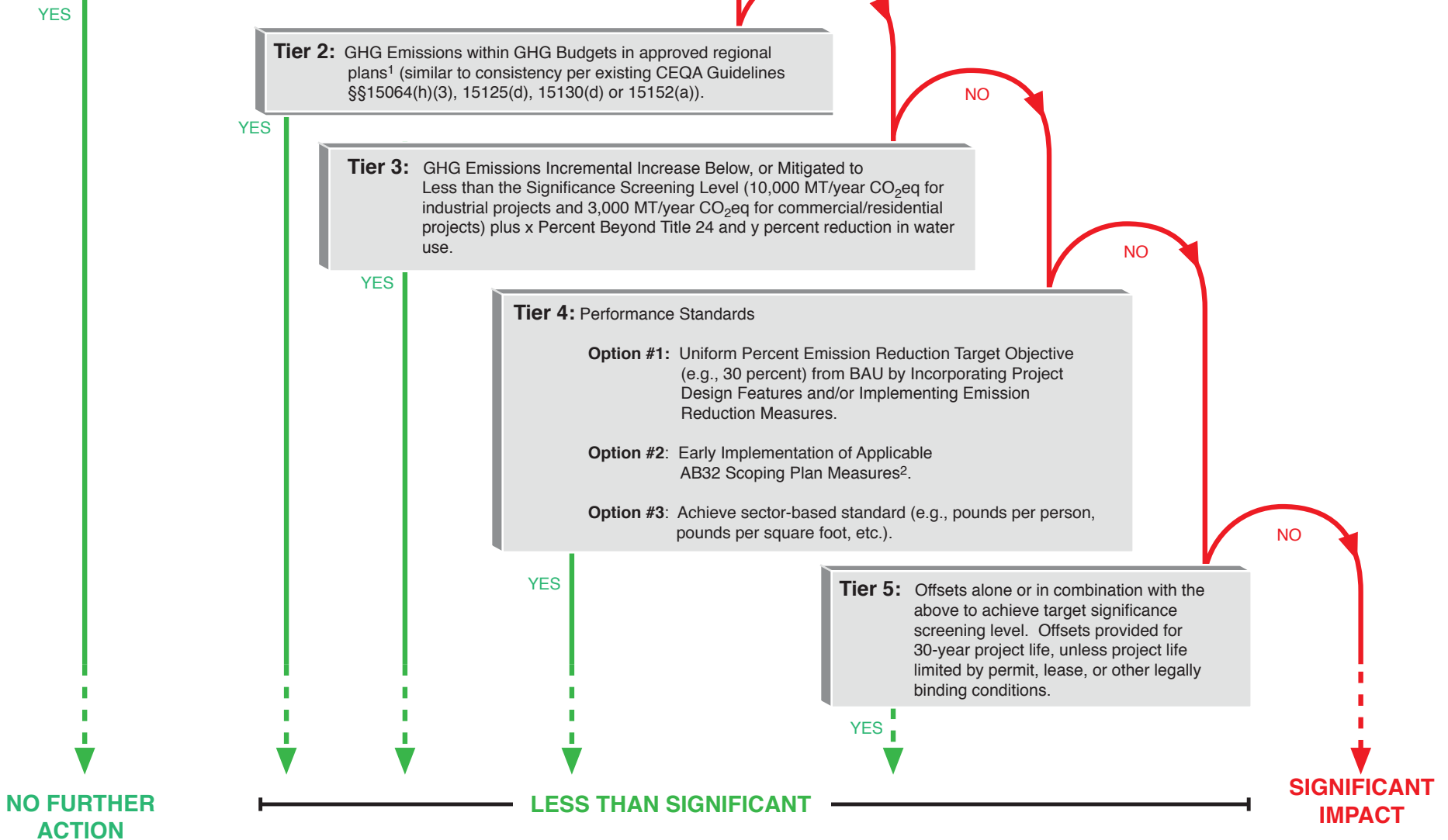
Tier 2: GHG Emissions within GHG Budgets in approved regional plans¹ (similar to consistency per existing CEQA Guidelines §§15064(h)(3), 15125(d), 15130(d) or 15152(a)).

Tier 3: GHG Emissions Incremental Increase Below, or Mitigated to Less than the Significance Screening Level (10,000 MT/year CO₂eq for industrial projects and 3,000 MT/year CO₂eq for commercial/residential projects) plus x Percent Beyond Title 24 and y percent reduction in water use.

Tier 4: Performance Standards

- Option #1:** Uniform Percent Emission Reduction Target Objective (e.g., 30 percent) from BAU by Incorporating Project Design Features and/or Implementing Emission Reduction Measures.
- Option #2:** Early Implementation of Applicable AB32 Scoping Plan Measures².
- Option #3:** Achieve sector-based standard (e.g., pounds per person, pounds per square foot, etc.).

Tier 5: Offsets alone or in combination with the above to achieve target significance screening level. Offsets provided for 30-year project life, unless project life limited by permit, lease, or other legally binding conditions.



NO FURTHER ACTION

LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT

SIGNIFICANT IMPACT