
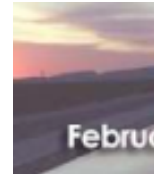


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# New state law reduces copper in brake pads

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From the San Francisco Chronicle:

“Legislators have given a red light to vehicle brake pads containing copper, a chemical harmful to salmon and other aquatic life.

After a 15-year fight that surfaced with concerns about the San Francisco Bay, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed SB346, which requires brake pad manufacturers to reduce the use of copper to no more than 5 percent by 2021 and no more than 0.5 percent by 2025.

It’s a major feat considering the stakeholders – environmental groups, carmakers, brake manufacturers and government officials, said Ashley Boren, the executive director of Sustainable Conservation. ... ”

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