

To: Interested Parties Mail-Out #21-010

From: **Dr. Sydney Vergis**, Chief, Mobile Source Control Division  
**Dr. Todd Sax**, Chief, Enforcement Division

Date: January 22, 2021

Subject: Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance (HD I/M) Program Workgroup Meeting on Proposed Regulatory Concepts – Compliance Requirements, and a Request for Participation in a HD I/M Program Development Survey Deadline

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff invites you to participate in a HD I/M workgroup meeting, via Zoom, on February 22, 2021. At this workgroup meeting, staff will continue the discussion on previously proposed regulatory concepts for the HD I/M program and solicit input from interested parties. As mentioned in the December 17, 2020, workgroup meeting, this discussion will focus on concepts related to thresholds for determining high emitters and compliance requirements for regulated entities such as fleet owners, emission testers, and freight contractors. Staff will also discuss penalties and the proposed administrative hearing process. Additionally, staff will formally request alternative proposals, including potential costs and emission benefits, to the draft proposed regulatory HD I/M concepts.

Staff is also requesting HD fleet input on a survey being conducted by CARB's contractor, Eastern Research Group (ERG), in an effort to gather information related to the current usage and penetration of telematics and logistic services, current vehicle repair and maintenance practices, and the associated costs incurred by heavy-duty fleets with such efforts to help inform HD I/M program development. CARB staff encourages interested stakeholders to participate in the survey through the link below by February 1, 2021. The survey results will provide vital information to help ensure the development of an effective HD I/M program.

**HD I/M Development Survey Link:**

[https://erq.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1GGyVkQjwqqAlmJ?C=1](https://erq.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1GGyVkQjwqqAlmJ?C=1)

**Details of the Zoom webinar are as follows:**

DATE: February 22, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Please register at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_GLBZEjsUSveUD7UmzXxLjQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GLBZEjsUSveUD7UmzXxLjQ)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workgroup. Please use the link and password to join the workgroup the morning of the meeting. If you are using a tablet or smart phone, please download the Zoom app. Please ensure the [\*latest version of Zoom\*](#) is installed on your device.

During the workgroup, if you wish to provide comments or ask questions on the regulatory concepts, you must use Zoom's "raise hand" feature. The "raise hand" button can be found on the Zoom webinar window. For those who are joining via a conference call, press #2 to raise your hand. The "Q&A" feature on Zoom will also be available to provide comments and ask questions.

Staff's presentation and any additional webinar-related documents will be made available prior to the workgroup on CARB's website at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/inspection-and-maintenance-program/Meetings-and-Workshops>

## **Background**

Senate Bill (SB) 210, signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 20, 2019, directs CARB to develop a HD I/M program to ensure heavy-duty vehicles operating in California have properly functioning emissions control systems and that emissions-related malfunctions are repaired in a timely manner. SB 210 also requires CARB to implement pilot program activities that develop and demonstrate technologies that show potential for readily bringing vehicles into the program, and to work with our State agency partners to adopt and implement the program within two years of completing a pilot program. To that end, CARB has undertaken a variety of pilot program studies and demonstration projects in consultation with State agency partners and interested stakeholders, and last discussed those pilot program activities at a November 16, 2020, HD I/M workgroup meeting. Staff's presentation on the status of the SB 210 pilot program activities is available on CARB's website at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/inspection-and-maintenance-program/Meetings-and-Workshops>. Later this summer, staff expects to post the report on the findings of all the pilot program activities on its HD I/M website. The full text of SB 210 is available from the California Legislative Information web site at:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200SB210](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB210)

The HD I/M workgroup is an on-going forum for truck and fleet owners, trucking industry representatives, non-governmental organization representatives, and other interested and knowledgeable stakeholders to identify, discuss, and evaluate key technical and programmatic components of a future, comprehensive HD I/M program within the parameters set forth in SB 210.

This will be the eighth HD I/M workgroup meeting CARB staff has conducted to discuss HD I/M program technical components and the program development process from 2019 through 2021. CARB staff has also hosted three HD I/M public workshops. Public workshops and workgroup meetings will continue throughout 2021. For information and presentations from all previous workgroup meetings and public workshops, please visit CARB's website at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/inspection-and-maintenance-program/Meetings-and-Workshops>

## **Contact**

We welcome and encourage public participation in CARB's efforts to develop a comprehensive HD I/M program. If you have questions regarding the HD I/M workgroup, please contact please contact Krista Fregoso, Air Pollution Specialist in the Mobile Source Control Division, at [Krista.Fregoso@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Krista.Fregoso@arb.ca.gov), or James Goldstene, Vehicle Program Specialist in the Enforcement Division, at [James.Goldstene@arb.ca.gov](mailto:James.Goldstene@arb.ca.gov).

### Special Accommodations

Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available for the webinar;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact Daniela Tapia-Acosta at [Daniela.Acosta@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Daniela.Acosta@arb.ca.gov) as soon as possible, but no later than 15 business days before the scheduled webinar. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Consecuente con la sección 7296.2 del Código de Gobierno de California, una acomodación especial o necesidades lingüísticas pueden ser suministradas para cualquiera de los siguientes:

- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alternativo u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, favor de contactar a Daniela Tapia-Acosta por correo electrónico [Daniela.Acosta@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Daniela.Acosta@arb.ca.gov) lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 15 días de trabajo antes de la junta programada.

TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

Sincerely,

/s/

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