

Community Air Protection Program Blueprint & Recommended Communities Factsheet

Cleaning the air in California's communities

Signed by Governor Brown last July, Assembly Bill 617 establishes a new way of improving air quality in California communities heavily impacted by air pollution. This first-of-its-kind effort involves the California Air Resources Board working with local residents, air districts and others to identify problems, develop solutions and track progress together.

CARB is getting ready to finalize major aspects of the Community Air Protection Program and wants to hear from you. On September 27, the Board will consider approving the Community Air Protection Blueprint – a roadmap for how this new program will be carried out – and also consider staff's first community recommendations for focused action.

Program Blueprint

CARB released the final proposed Blueprint on August 24, 2018. The Blueprint reflects feedback received throughout a 10-month public process including workshops and community meetings around the state, and circulation of a draft for comment. The document describes:

- How community members and air districts will work together along with CARB to craft solutions
- What CARB will do to work with communities and air districts to improve air quality in impacted communities statewide
- How communities will be selected for targeted clean air improvements
- What will be included in community clean air plans
- How air districts and communities will set up air pollution monitors

The Blueprint also outlines new actions that form CARB's vision of the Program. Together, these actions are designed to deliver cleaner air to communities, provide accountability and transparency, and promote a collaborative process.

Blueprint Actions



PARTNERSHIPS
WITH COMMUNITIES



NEW STATEWIDE
STRATEGIES TO
REDUCE EMISSIONS



TARGETED
COMMUNITY
CLEAN AIR PLANS



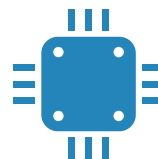
METRICS
TO TRACK &
REPORT PROGRESS



COLLABORATIONS
WITH LAND USE
& TRANSPORTATION
AGENCIES



CLEAN TECHNOLOGY
INCENTIVE INVESTMENTS



EXPANDED
AIR MONITORING



IMPROVED
DATA
ACCESSIBILITY

Recommended Communities

AB 617 also requires CARB to select communities heavily impacted by air pollution for additional focused actions. These actions include setting up community air pollution monitoring systems, developing community clean air plans focused on cutting emissions from local pollution sources, or both. These communities are exposed to multiple sources of pollution leading to high cumulative impacts over time. Residents also experience high levels of poverty and unemployment on top of health-related effects from air pollution.

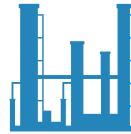
Staff is recommending an initial selection of 10 communities, diverse in size and population. Actions taken in these initial communities will serve as a model for future efforts in other places as the Program grows over time. The communities face air pollution burdens from a range of sources, including:



FREIGHT



PORTS



LARGE INDUSTRIAL
FACILITIES LIKE
OIL REFINERIES



SMALL INDUSTRIAL
FACILITIES
LIKE RECYCLERS



OIL & GAS
FACILITIES



FREEWAYS



AGRICULTURE



BORDER
CROSSINGS

2018 Community Recommendations



Community	Air Monitoring	Emissions Reduction Program	Key Pollution Source Types
Richmond	X*		Urban Refineries Freight
West Oakland		X	Port Freight
Calexico, El Centro, Heber	X	X	Border Rural
South Sacramento/Florin	X*		Urban Residential Freeways
Portside Environmental Justice Neighborhoods (Barrio Logan, West National City, Logan Heights, Sherman Heights)	X*		Port Small Industry
Shafter	X	X	Rural Oil and Gas
South Central Fresno	X	X	Urban Residential Industry
East Los Angeles Neighborhoods, Boyle Heights	X	X	Urban Rail Small Industry
Muscoy, San Bernardino	X	X	Trucks Warehouses Rail
Wilmington, West Long Beach, Carson	X	X	Trucks Ports Refineries

*Air monitoring in these communities will focus on getting new information to support action including the development of future clean air plans, or plan elements.

How to Get Involved

CARB invites you to provide comments on the Blueprint and attend the September 27 board meeting in Sacramento or participate via webcast.

- Submit comments by September 24
- Attend the meeting: if necessary the meeting may continue on September 28 at 8:30 am.
 - Or watch the meeting via webcast: video.calepa.ca.gov
- For more information, see the board agenda, available ten days before the meeting.

To access the Blueprint, the Staff Report for Community Selection and to find more information about the Community Air Protection Program, visit bit.ly/CARBab617 or contact communityair@arb.ca.gov or airecomunitario@arb.ca.gov.