

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED SUBMISSION OF CALIFORNIA'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION STANDARDS FOR CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS FACILITIES INTO THE CALIFORNIA STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the approval of the Proposed Submission of California's Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities into the California State Implementation Plan (Oil and Gas SIP Submittal). If approved, CARB will submit the Oil and Gas SIP Submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: October 25, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency  
California Air Resources Board  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 25, 2018, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on October 26, 2018. This item is scheduled to be heard on the Board's Consent Calendar, unless removed upon the request of a Board member or if someone in the audience submits a request-to-speak card on this item. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before October 25, 2018, to determine when this item will be considered.

#### **Background**

U.S. EPA requires the submission of SIPs for ozone nonattainment areas classified as moderate or worse to demonstrate that emission sources meet Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) level controls. U.S. EPA has published Control Technique Guidelines (CTG) that established RACT control levels for specific categories of sources which emit volatile organic compounds (VOC), including the 2016 *Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry*. The Oil and Gas SIP Submittal will satisfy the RACT requirement for this source category for California.

The Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities (Oil and Gas Methane Regulation) is responsible for ensuring the reduction of methane emissions from oil and gas extraction and related facilities. The purpose of the CTG is to reduce VOC emissions; since VOCs and methane are both found in field gas in oil and gas operations, methane controls in the oil and gas industry can reduce VOCs as a co-benefit. The Oil and Gas Methane Regulation applies to all emission sources

covered in the CTG, and achieves equivalent or better emission reductions to the RACT level controls.

The Oil and Gas Methane Regulation was adopted by the Board at its public hearing on March 23, 2017, and the Office of Administrative Law approved the regulation on July 17, 2017. The CTG was published on October 27, 2016, with the RACT SIP submittal due by October 27, 2018, and full implementation of RACT required by January 1, 2021.

### **Proposed Action**

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt a resolution directing staff to submit the Oil and Gas SIP Submittal to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

Staff has prepared a written report. Copies of the *Proposed Submission of California's Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities into the California State Implementation Plan* may be obtained from CARB's Office of Communications, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, beginning September 21, 2018. The report may also be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/oil-and-natural-gas-production-processing-and-storage>.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. local time, October 22, 2018**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

CARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Lucy Cheadle, Air Resources Engineer, Oil and Gas Section, at (916) 323-1513 or Jim Nyarady, Manager of the Oil and Gas Section, at (916) 322-8273.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

CARB, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has reviewed the proposed action and concluded that this is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility

that the proposed action may result in significant adverse impact on the environment. CARB has also determined that the proposed action is not “project” subject to CEQA, as CARB’s approval simply acknowledges requirements that are already binding and enforceable. A brief explanation of the bases for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter III of the Staff Report.

### **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST**

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
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Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Date: *September 21, 2018*

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