

February 27, 2019

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop to initiate rulemaking to further reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from consumer products. Over the past 30 years, CARB has taken actions to reduce emissions and the reactivity of over 120 categories of consumer products. These regulations have cumulatively reduced VOC emissions by about 50 percent. Despite this progress, consumer product emissions are projected to increase in the years ahead as California's population continues to grow.

The 2016 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (State Strategy) requires CARB develop measures to reduce consumer product VOC emissions by 1-2 tons per day by 2023 (tpd) and 4-5 tpd by 2031, respectively, in the South Coast Air Basin, and 8-10 tpd by 2031 Statewide. At this workshop, CARB staff will discuss possible emission reduction opportunities suggested by the Consumer & Commercial Product Survey (Survey) data, and solicit stakeholder ideas for potential new regulatory strategies. Staff will also discuss options for translating the Survey data into an updated emission inventory, the proposed rulemaking timeline, and additional opportunities for public input.

The workshop will be held at the date and time shown below:

DATE:	Friday, April 12, 2019
TIME:	9:00 a.m. – noon (PDT)
LOCATION:	California Air Resources Board Klamath Training Room, 2 nd Floor 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95812

To participate via webinar, please register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3095269665326381837>

Background: Manufacturer innovations in response to CARB regulations beginning in 1989 have significantly reduced smog-forming and air toxic emissions from consumer products. However, more must be done to meet future federal air quality standards and ensure clean, healthful air for all Californians. CARB's Survey data – including detailed product sales, chemical formulation, and reactivity information – provides the technical foundation to identify effective, scientifically sound new strategies to meet our emission reduction commitments. More information regarding the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Consumer & Commercial Product Survey can be found at:

https://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/survey/2013-2014-2015-data_release.htm

At this public workshop, CARB staff looks forward to beginning a dialog with interested stakeholders regarding potential emission reduction strategies. Approaches being considered include evaluating categories with higher mass and reactivity, investigating ways to encourage zero- and near-zero VOC formulations, and reviewing existing exemptions. CARB will ensure that no negative impacts occur either through the use of toxic air contaminants or other chemicals that may have other negative environmental impacts.

Materials for this workshop, including a meeting agenda, will be posted to our program website prior to the workshop at the following address:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/consprod.htm#whatsnew>

If you have any questions about this workshop or wish to receive e-mail notification of updates on CARB's Consumer Products Program, please contact Mr. Josh Berghouse at (916) 324-8174 or by email at josh.berghouse@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ravi Ramalingam', is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

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