

April 9, 2019

To All Interested Parties,

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff invites you to participate in public workshops to discuss staff's updated draft regulatory concepts for the new Ocean-Going Vessels (OGV) At-Berth Regulation (New At-Berth Regulation). At these workshops, staff intends to cover the updated draft Regulation Order, cost analysis, cost-effectiveness and the OGV emissions inventory.

The goal of CARB's rulemaking is to achieve greater emissions reductions to minimize community exposure to air pollution, attain ambient air quality standards, and combat climate change. The State of California has recently placed additional emphasis on protecting local communities from harmful effects of air pollution through the passage of Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) (Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017). AB 617 is a significant piece of air quality legislation that highlights the need for further emission reductions in communities with high exposure burdens, like those near ports.

Workshop Information

The workshops are open to the public and CARB encourages participation by all parties. The workshops will be held at the locations and dates shown in the table below. Both workshops will follow the same format and present the same materials. For those unable to attend in person, the Sacramento workshop will be webcast.

Date and Time	Location
<p>Tuesday May 14, 2019 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)</p>	<p>Sacramento California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Coastal Hearing Room 1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814</p> <p>Live Video/Audio Webcast Option A webcast will be available at: https://video.calepa.ca.gov/</p>
<p>Thursday May 16, 2019 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)</p>	<p>Long Beach The Port of Long Beach - Interim Administrative Offices Boardroom, 1st floor 4801 Airport Plaza Drive Long Beach, California 90815</p>

Workshop related materials will be posted prior to the workshop on CARB's website:
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/shorepower/shorepower.htm>.

To receive updates and notices of upcoming meetings, please sign up for our email subscription service at:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARB/subscriber/new?topic_id=shorepower.

Background

CARB adopted the "Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Auxiliary Diesel Engines Operated on Ocean-Going Vessels At-Berth in a California Port" (At-Berth Regulation) in 2007 to protect public health by controlling oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), and particulate matter (PM) emissions from diesel auxiliary engines on container ships, passenger ships, and refrigerated-cargo ships while berthing at a California Port. The At-Berth Regulation provides two options to reduce at-berth emissions: 1) turn off auxiliary engines and connect the vessel to some other source of power, typically shore based grid power (shore power), or 2) use an alternative control technology that achieves equivalent emission reductions.

CARB's State Implementation Plan, AB 617, California Climate Change Scoping Plan, Mobile Source Strategy, and California Sustainable Freight Action Plan (Executive Order B-32-15) include commitments to evaluate the existing At-Berth Regulation for opportunities to further reduce emissions from vessels. These actions include assessing how the At-Berth Regulation can be expanded to achieve further emission reductions by including smaller fleets, additional vessel types (such as roll-on/roll-off vehicle carriers and tankers), and additional operations. The new regulatory efforts will help achieve much needed public health protection for Californians living nearby port communities, reduce exposure to toxic air emissions in disadvantaged communities and meet 2023 and 2031 emission reduction goals for NO_x. CARB staff is scheduled to take the New At-Berth Regulation to the Board in December 2019.

Special Accommodation Request

If you require special accommodations or need this document in an alternative format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Jessica Fahey at (916)445-2191, or jessica.fahey@arb.ca.gov, no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for Californiae Relay Service.e

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For More Information

For more information, please visit CARB's website at:
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/shorepower/shorepower.htm>.

If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Nicole Light, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-6012 or via email at nicole.light@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: (via email)

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