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WORKSHOP NOTICE

Public Workshop for Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss ARB's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy (Strategy). This workshop is the first public forum for stakeholder input into developing the Strategy. The workshop is open to the public and full participation by all parties is encouraged. The workshop will be held at the following date, time and location:

Date: May 27, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Coastal Hearing Room, Second Floor
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Short-lived climate pollutants are powerful climate forcers that remain in the atmosphere for a much shorter period of time than major climate pollutants such as carbon dioxide (CO₂). Their relative potency in terms of how they heat the atmosphere can be tens to thousands of times greater than CO₂. Short-lived climate pollutants include methane, tropospheric ozone, black carbon, and fluorinated gases. The impacts of short-lived climate pollutants are especially strong within the near term. Reducing these emissions can have an immediate beneficial impact on climate change.

The Air Resources Board has released, for public review, a concept paper to initiate discussion on the development of a Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy. Senate Bill 605 (Lara, Chapter 523, Statutes of 2014) requires ARB, in coordination with other state agencies and local air districts, to

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develop a Strategy by the end of 2015, to further reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions in California.

The Concept Paper presents initial ideas that will be considered and developed in the coming months by ARB, in coordination with other agencies, as it develops the Strategy. The concepts included in the discussion draft do not represent commitments at this time, nor do they comprise an exhaustive list of elements or considerations that may be included in the Strategy or shape its development. The intent of the paper, and the public process that follows, is to elicit new ideas and refine strategies to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants throughout the State. The comments received on the Concept Paper will inform the development of a draft Strategy that ARB expects to release for public comment later this summer. ARB welcomes broad participation among stakeholders, experts and interested parties throughout this process.

The Concept Paper can be found at ARB's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/shortlived/shortlived.htm>. An agenda and presentation material will be posted to this website prior to the workshop. Comments on the Concept Paper and the SLCP Strategy can be submitted to the following link:
http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bcsubform.php?listname=slcpstrategy-ws&comm_period=1.

Submitted comments can be viewed at the following link:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bccommlog.php?listname=slcpstrategy-ws>.

Directions to the Cal/EPA headquarters and public transit can be found at the Cal/EPA website at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>.

The workshop will be webcast for those unable to attend in person. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

If you require special accommodation for the workshop or need this document in an alternate format (e.g. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Marcelle Surovik, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 327-2951 or via e-mail at marcelle.surovik@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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We welcome and encourage your participation in the workshop. If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact me at (916) 322-6026 or via e-mail at michael.tollstrup@arb.ca.gov, or Marcelle Surovik, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 327-2951 or via e-mail at marcelle.surovik@arb.ca.gov.

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