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Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆) from Gas Insulated Switchgear Regulation

May 3 Meeting on SF₆ Gas Insulated Switchgear Regulation Scheduled

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) has scheduled a technical working group meeting to discuss possible amendments to the Regulation for Reducing Sulfur Hexafluoride Emissions from Gas Insulated Switchgear (Regulation). CARB staff is proposing to amend the Regulation to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase flexibility in complying with the standards, and address nameplate capacity issues.

This meeting will be focused on the possible inclusion of a *de minimis* threshold, current record keeping and reporting requirements, and the phase-out of sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) use in new equipment. Staff will use information gathered through this process to develop proposed amendments to the Regulation.

The working group meeting will be held at the time and location shown below:

DATE: Thursday, May 3, 2018
TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (PDT)
LOCATION: Conference Room 550, 5th Floor
California Environmental Protection Agency Building
1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814

[Register](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Overview

As part of compliance with the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Assembly Bill 32), the Board adopted the Regulation in 2010. The Regulation requires gas insulated switchgear owners to lower their SF₆ emission rate to one percent by 2020. SF₆ is the most potent of the six main greenhouse gases with a global warming potential of almost 24,000 times that of CO₂ over 100 years. It also has an extremely long atmospheric lifetime of about 3,200 years.

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