

To: All Interested Parties
Date: 07/09/2020
Subject: Public Workshop (Webinar) for Program Materials for the SB 1013 F-gas Reduction Incentive Program (FRIP)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop and provide your feedback on the Senate Bill 1013 F-gas Reduction Incentive Program (FRIP). The workshop will be held remotely.

The first public workshop discussing FRIP was held on January 30, 2020. At that meeting, CARB proposed FRIP funding eligibility and associated funding levels. Since then, CARB staff have developed FRIP funding guidelines and program materials and are now seeking further input prior to finalizing the program.

DRAFT FRIP materials including the funding guidelines, greenhouse gas (GHG) quantification tool and methodology, and application forms have been [posted](#). The quantification methodology for FRIP, which was developed by California Climate Investments has also been [posted](#) here. CARB is seeking public input on DRAFT FRIP materials from July 10 - July 31. Please direct all comments to FRIP@arb.ca.gov. At the upcoming workshop, CARB staff will discuss the DRAFT FRIP requirements and application process, and answer stakeholder questions.

DATE: July 28, 2020

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PDT

LOCATION: This is a webinar with remote participation only.

How to Participate

To participate, please [register](#) before July 28, 2020, 9 a.m. at the latest. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information to join the webinar either through a computer, digital device or via conference line. The webinar will feature a chat dialog box for stakeholder questions and comments. We encourage your participation in this webinar and will take into consideration all public comments provided at the webinar as we finalize the incentive program.

Background

The refrigerant technologies of today predominantly utilize hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants that are potent GHGs. These high global warming potential (GWP) HFC refrigerants are categorized as short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) because of their short atmospheric lifetime and adverse climate impact. Scientists have determined that reducing SLCPs such as HFCs is among the most effective global climate mitigation strategies and could prevent 0.5 °C of

warming by the end of the century. To that effect, there is international and state action to reduce HFCs.

California has specific legislative mandates to reduce HFCs to meet ambitious climate goals. Transitioning away from high-GWP refrigerant technologies is an integral strategy to meet California's HFC reduction mandate. The Fluorinated Gases Emission Reduction Incentive Program, or FRIP, established by Senate Bill 1013 (Lara, Ch. 375, Statutes of 2018) provides incentive funds to increase the voluntary adoption of low-GWP climate-friendly refrigerant technologies that reduce GHG emissions in advance of any regulatory requirements.

CARB received one million dollars from the greenhouse gas reduction fund (GGRF) in the 2019-2020 fiscal year appropriations to establish FRIP. FRIP is part of California Climate Investments (CCI), a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars from the GGRF to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment - particularly in disadvantaged communities. All GGRF-funded programs must further the purposes of Assembly Bill 32 and Senate Bill 32 as the primary program goal and each project funded within a program must provide real and quantifiable GHG emission reductions. FRIP will accelerate the adoption of low-GWP refrigerant technologies that support achieving California's long-term and short-term GHG emissions reduction goals, while maximizing other co-benefits. CARB, in alignment with the [CCI Funding Guidelines](#), will prioritize investing funds in projects that achieve the highest GHG reductions, maximize benefits to disadvantaged communities, and are important to meet the state's climate goals.

Contact Information

If you have questions regarding this webinar, please direct inquiries to FRIP@arb.ca.gov.

Special Accommodations Request

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact the FRIP team at FRIP@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled event/meeting.