

AB 32 and Public Health

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Key Near Term Priorities

- Identification of communities that are already adversely impacted by air pollution
- Health impact assessment of cap-and-trade regulation

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- Prior to the inclusion of market-based compliance mechanisms in regulations, to the extent feasible:
 - Consider potential for direct, indirect and cumulative emission impacts, including localized impacts, in communities already impacted by air pollution
 - Design market-based mechanisms to prevent increase in smog or toxic emissions

(Health and Safety Code §38570(b))

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Scoping Plan Board Resolution

- Establish a public health workgroup of public health agencies and organizations to review and provide input to the staff on proposed greenhouse gas reduction measures
- Develop a methodology to assess cumulative air pollution impacts of proposed regulations
- Identify communities already adversely impacted by air pollution before adoption of a cap-and-trade regulation

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Next Steps

- Develop method to identify already impacted communities
 - Evaluate existing methods
 - Public workshop (Summer 2009)
 - Present to Board (Fall 2009)
- Develop health impact assessment method for cap-and-trade regulatory development
 - Discuss in future PHWG meetings (Summer 2009)

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