

April 7, 2022

To All Interested Parties:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) invites you to participate in a public work group meeting to discuss the development of approval criteria for zero emission switcher locomotives (switchers).

While switchers play a critical role in ensuring efficient movement of freight throughout California and North America, they are also a source of oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter, and other harmful emissions, particularly in communities adjacent to major rail yards. California must accelerate its transition to zero-emission technologies to meet its air quality, climate, and community health goals. CARB staff's proposal to develop basic performance, reliability, durability, warranty, and other approval criteria for zero-emission switchers is intended to support market penetration of this critical technology and to facilitate eligibility determinations for incentive funding programs. These approval criteria are likely to be introduced as voluntary guidance.

The work group meeting will be held via Zoom webinar on the date and time shown below:

Date: April 21, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

Registration Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_l-yjz7KxTNuQ26qr5qnL4A

To participate in the work group meeting, please register before 9:50 a.m. on April 21, 2022. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information to join the webinar either through a computer, digital device, or via conference line. Please note that there is no in-person attendance option for this meeting. This meeting will be recorded.

The meeting agenda and any documents will be posted ahead of the meeting to the [Locomotive Emission Verifications, Technology Demonstrations, and Incentives](#) webpage.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding this topic or work group meeting, please contact Robin Pritchard, Air Resources Engineer, at robin.pritchard@arb.ca.gov.

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ana Stewart at ana.stewart@arb.ca.gov within five business days of the Work group. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Soriano, Branch Chief, Freight Activity Branch