

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO HEAR A REPORT ON STAFF'S NONATTAINMENT AREA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REVISED FEDERAL PM_{2.5} STANDARD

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) staff will present nonattainment area recommendations for the new federal 35 ug/m³ 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard. ARB will submit these recommendations to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) by December 18, 2007.

DATE: December 6 & 7, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Air Resources Board
Auditorium
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., December 6, and will continue at 8:30 a.m., December 7, 2007. This item is expected to be considered on December 7, 2007. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before December 6, 2007, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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BACKGROUND

The federal Clean Air Act requires U.S. EPA to set health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards. On December 18, 2006, the U.S. EPA lowered the 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard from 65 ug/m³ to 35 ug/m³. Due to the standard revision, ARB is required to submit nonattainment area recommendations and appropriate boundaries to U.S. EPA for this standard by December 18, 2007. The nonattainment area recommendations are based on 2004-2006 PM_{2.5} air quality monitoring data.

U.S. EPA plans to finalize nonattainment area designations effective April 2009, based on 2005-2007 PM_{2.5} air quality monitoring data. State implementation plans will be due

three years after the effective date of designations. Attainment for this new standard will be required by April 2019.

PROPOSED ACTION

ARB staff will recommend that the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Sacramento Air Quality Management District, the combined cities of Yuba City/Marysville, the city of Chico, and the city of Calexico be designated as nonattainment for the new 35 ug/m³ 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

ARB staff will prepare a written Staff Report prior to the meeting. Copies of the Staff Report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 322-2990. This notice and Staff Report may also be obtained from ARB's internet site at www.arb.ca.gov/design/pm25desig/pm25desig.htm.

SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by e-mail before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comment submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, December 5, 2007**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Facsimile submittal: (916) 322-3928

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The Board requests, but does not require that 30 copies of any written statement be submitted and that written and e-mail statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Sylvia Zulawnick, Manager of the Particulate Matter Analysis Section, Planning and Technical Support Division, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814 or by e-mail at

szulawni@arb.ca.gov, or Jill Glass, Air Pollution Specialist, Planning and Technical Support Division at (916) 322-6161, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814 or by e-mail at jglass@arb.ca.gov.

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Date: November 20, 2007