

November 15, 2024

To All Interested Parties,

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff invites you to attend a virtual kickoff workshop focused on the development of an In-Transit Regulation for ocean-going vessels (OGV) and the latest updates to the OGV emissions inventory.

During the first half of the workshop, CARB staff will cover the need for an In-Transit Regulation, outline CARB's rulemaking timeline and key components, and detail how stakeholders and the public can actively engage in the regulatory process. Staff will also highlight ongoing efforts related to OGV emissions testing and the OGV Tech Assessment currently under contract with the University of California - Riverside and Irvine.

The second half of the workshop will discuss recent updates staff plans to make to the OGV emissions inventory. CARB staff will cover improvements in data sources, methods, and forecasting.

Workshop Information

The virtual workshop is open to the public and participation by all parties is encouraged. The meeting will be conducted at the time and date below. No in-person attendance will be offered for this workshop.

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (Pacific Standard Time)

Registration Link: [Zoom meeting](#)

Please use the link provided above to register and participate in the workshop. Registration is required so please register in advance for this meeting. After registering for the event at the link above, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and participants will have the option to participate via the Zoom software platform or access the meeting by telephone with a dial-in number. CARB staff highly recommends participating using the Zoom Desktop or Mobile App for best quality and interactive participation. Participants may ask questions during the workshop using the Zoom platform. If during the workshop anyone needs assistance, please direct your email to ogvintransit@arb.ca.gov. Workshop related materials will be posted prior to the workshop on [CARB's Potential OGV In-Transit Regulation Webpage](#).

To receive updates and notices of upcoming meetings on the OGV In-Transit Regulation and emission inventory, sign up for our email subscription service via the link below ([Marine Vessel Activities \(Commercial\)](#), [Mobile Source Emissions Inventory](#)):

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Background

California's ports and coastal communities face ongoing air quality challenges due to emissions from OGVs. Despite existing regulations designed to reduce emissions from OGVs, OGVs are projected to be one of the largest contributors to mobile source emissions in California by 2037. Reducing emissions from OGVs is critical to improve public health, meet federal air quality standards, and achieve California's climate change goals, especially for disadvantaged communities near ports.

CARB has two existing regulations - the [OGV At Berth](#) and [Vessel Fuel Regulation](#) - that target oxides of nitrogen (NOx), particulate matter (PM), and sulfur oxide (SOx) emissions, with greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions as a co-benefit. In December 2022, CARB released the At Berth [Interim Evaluation report](#) that highlighted the need to reduce emissions from OGVs, particularly during transit, which account for about 95 percent of OGV emissions. [CARB's 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan \(SIP\)](#) emphasizes the need for action to reduce OGV emissions. CARB is exploring regulatory and voluntary measures that could achieve additional emissions reductions from OGVs while in-transit, maneuvering and at anchor in Regulated California Waters.

Special Accommodation Request

If you require special accommodations or need this document in an alternative format (i.e., Braille, large print) or another language, please email ogvintransit@arb.ca.gov, no later than 15 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for California Relay Service.

For More Information

If you have any questions on the workshop, contact ogvintransit@arb.ca.gov. For more information on the OGV In-Transit Regulation please visit the [CARB's Potential OGV In-Transit Regulation Webpage](#). For more information on the CARB's OGV emissions inventory please visit the [CARB's Off-Road Diesel Models and Documentation Webpage](#).

Sincerely,



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