



OGV In-Transit Workshop and Informative Session:

Ocean-Going Vessel (OGV) In-Transit Regulation Updates and OGV Emission Control Technology Assessment Presentation

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff will hold a virtual workshop focused on ocean-going vessels (OGV) on February 4, 2026, from 1:30 – 4:00 pm PST. This workshop will provide an update on CARB's OGV In--Transit rulemaking and community engagement efforts. It will also include a presentation by the University of California, Irvine (UCI), on the preliminary findings from the OGV emission control technology assessment report being conducted on CARB's behalf. The technology assessment report is tentatively scheduled to be finalized and published on CARB's website in mid-2026. We welcome attendees to provide comments on the information presented in the workshop slides. All comments received by February 20, 2026, will be considered by UCI and CARB for incorporation into the final report.

CARB is looking for feedback specifically on:

- Technology readiness
- Timelines for market readiness of new technologies and fuels
- Technologies or fuels not already considered as part of the technology assessment

Comments received after February 20, 2026, may not be incorporated into the final report due to contract timeline constraints, but will be considered as CARB continues to evaluate the most feasible strategies for further reducing emissions from OGVs sailing in California waters.

Date: February 4, 2026

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm (Pacific Standard Time)

Location: Remote only (Zoom)

[Register](#)

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 toxic, criteria, and greenhouse gas pollutant emissions from OGVs is critical to helping California improve public health, meet federal air quality standards, and meet the State's climate change goals. Most importantly, communities near California's port complexes, many of which are disadvantaged, continue to bear a disproportionate health burden due to their close proximity to the ports. It is imperative that CARB takes additional steps to reduce this harm and improve public health in these regions.

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 [Interim Evaluation report](#) as part of the At Berth Regulation that highlighted the need to reduce emissions from OGVs, particularly during

transiting, maneuvering, and anchoring in and around California's ports and marine terminals. These “in--transit” emissions make up around 95% of the emissions from OGVs and are a substantial contributor to NOx and PM levels. *CARB's 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (SIP)* emphasizes the need for action to reduce OGV emissions. Given the urgent need for improvements in air quality, CARB is pursuing efforts to achieve further reductions in NOx, PM, reactive organic gases (ROG), and GHG emissions from OGVs. CARB is currently exploring potential measures (both regulatory and voluntary) that could achieve additional emissions reductions from OGVs while in--transit, maneuvering, and at anchor in regulated California waters.

Contact

If you have any questions on the workshop or the OGV In-Transit Regulation, contact ogvintransit@arb.ca.gov, or visit [CARB's Potential OGV In-Transit Regulation webpage](#).

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CARB is the lead agency for California's fight against climate change and oversees all air pollution control efforts in the state to attain and maintain health--based air quality standards.

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