

State of California Air Resources Board Board Item Summary

Item # 22-9-4: 2021 Annual Enforcement Report

Staff Recommendation:

This is an informational item only. No Board action is necessary.

Discussion:

The California Air Resources Board's (CARB or Board) enforcement programs focus on achieving compliance across industry in order to protect public health and maintain a fair and level playing field. Staff works to target enforcement efforts where they are most needed, bringing violators into compliance, and assessing penalties that serve as a deterrent to noncompliance in the future. Staff publishes the Annual Enforcement Report each year in June.

This year's report analyzes compliance rates for each of CARB's programs directly enforced in order to evaluate enforcement approaches for these programs. Compliance rates in disadvantaged communities are also analyzed. A new approach to enforcement, as described in the Enforcement Report, collaborates with communities to be more responsive to their needs. Finally, the report highlights the successes of each of the enforcement programs last year. In 2021 CARB:

- Inspected more than 17,000 vehicles and marine vessels, with 66% of them in disadvantaged communities.
- Conducted 18 mobile Portable Emissions Acquisition System (PEAQs) deployments, screening emissions from 14,967 trucks and issuing 224 citations.
- Coordinated and conducted multiagency inspections at 11 oil and gas facilities, with 9 inspections in disadvantaged communities.
- Directed \$6.8 million in violator penalties to Supplemental Environmental Projects, including projects that strategically place green barriers downwind of major pollution sources and provide high efficiency air filtration systems to schools.
- Settled a major case with Albertsons, with penalties of \$5.1 million, for violating several requirements of the Refrigerant Management Program, which regulates greenhouse gas emissions from large stationary refrigeration systems.
- Settled 2,746 cases and citations for \$18,270,417.

Summary and Impacts:

Not applicable.