

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Consider PM2.5 Area Designation Recommendations for the Revised Federal Annual PM2.5 Standard

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider adopting staff recommendations for nonattainment areas for the 2024 Revised Annual fine particulate matter (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS or standard) to be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

Date: January 23, 2025

Time: 9:00 A.M.

In-Person Location:

California Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom

This public meeting may continue at 9:00 a.m., on January 24, 2025. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the January 23, 2025, Board Meeting, for important details, including the day on which this item will be considered and how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

Background

The Clean Air Act requires U.S. EPA to set health-based air quality standards for particulate matter and other criteria pollutants. On February 7, 2024, U.S. EPA strengthened the annual PM2.5 standard from 12.0 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) to 9.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The Clean Air Act requires states to submit nonattainment area recommendations to U.S. EPA within one year of U.S. EPA establishing a new standard and for this standard, that deadline is February 7, 2025. The nonattainment area recommendations are based on 2021-2023 PM_{2.5} air quality monitoring data and include boundary descriptions.

U.S. EPA plans to designate nonattainment areas for the 9.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ annual PM2.5 standard by February 6, 2026. U.S. EPA will base these final designations on the latest available air quality monitoring data which at that time will be the years 2022-2024. State implementation plans will be due 18 months after the effective date of designations, with attainment required at the end of the calendar year six years after designations, unless an area is reclassified to Serious.

Proposed Action

CARB staff recommend that the following areas be designated as nonattainment for the 9.0 µg/m³ annual PM_{2.5} standard: portion of Plumas County, portion of Mendocino County, portion of Feather River Air Quality Management District, San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin, Sacramento County, San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, South Coast Air Basin, San Diego County, and portion of Imperial County.

Copies of the staff report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/state-and-federal-area-designations/federal-area-designations/pm2-5>, December 13, 2024. Please contact Chris Hopkins, Regulations Coordinator, at chris.hopkins@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7347 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not submitted during the meeting, must be received **no later than January 13, 2025**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Mark Hixson, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, at (916) 264-9682 or Ali Kindred, Manager, Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, at (279) 208-7154.

Special Accommodation Request

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- An interpreter to be available at the hearing;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

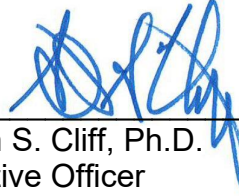
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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.
Executive Officer

Date: December 13, 2024

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