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Future Activities

In the near future, Air Resources Board (ARB) staff will begin working on an update to the consumer product element of the 1994 State Implementation Plan (SIP) for ozone. We have already begun discussions with affected stakeholders on the 1997 emission inventory that would be used as the basis for determining feasible emission reduction strategies. After approval of the mobile source emission inventory (EMFAC2000) and the quantification of the carrying capacity for the South Coast Air Basin and the San Joaquin Valley in mid-2000, staff will begin discussions with stakeholders on concepts for consumer products control measures to include in the SIP. We anticipate conducting public workshops on the proposed consumer products SIP element in the fall and winter of 2000. The draft proposed statewide control plan would be released prior to consideration by the Board in early 2001.

In developing concepts for the consumer products portion of the statewide control plan, we will be analyzing the 1997 emission inventory on a category-by-category basis to determine additional feasible control measures. These categories will include both currently regulated and unregulated categories. We will be looking at potential emission reductions through new technologies, mass-based limits, reactivity-based limits, market incentive programs, and pollution prevention and education programs.

In the fall of 2000, ARB staff will be proposing amendments to the Antiperspirant and Deodorant Regulation. These amendments are necessary to ensure that efficacious aerosol forms of antiperspirants will continue to be available to the consumer.

ARB staff will also begin working on amending the Alternative Control Plan (ACP) Regulation. The ACP Regulation allows participating companies to sell a high-VOC (VOC content above the limit) product in California as long as they also sell enough of a reformulated low-VOC product (VOC content below the limit) to offset the excess VOC emissions. We will be evaluating ways to provide more flexibility and allow more companies to participate in the program while still maintaining the emission reductions achieved if the company complied with the limits in the regulations.