

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ENFORCEMENT OF DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 233

The Air Resources Board (Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the review of a strategic plan for enforcement of diesel emissions reductions regulations, pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 233, Jones (Chapter 592, Statutes of 2007).

DATE: May 22, 2008

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution
Control District
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

OR VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE (2 Locations):

District Northern Region Office
4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, California 95356

District Southern Region Office
2700 M Street, Suite 275
Bakersfield, California 93301

This item will be considered at a one-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 8:30 a.m., May 22, 2008. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before May 22, 2008, to determine the order of agenda items.

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Background:

Diesel Risk Reduction Plan

In 1998, ARB identified the particulate fraction of diesel (diesel PM) exhaust as a toxic air contaminant. In 2000, the Board considered and approved staff's proposed risk management strategy, the Diesel Risk Reduction Plan (DRRP), for controlling emissions of diesel PM. The DRRP is a comprehensive program with the goal of achieving significant reductions in diesel PM emissions through stringent regulatory standards for all new on-road, off-road, and stationary diesel-fueled engines/vehicles; retrofit requirements for existing on-road, off-road, and stationary diesel-fueled engines and vehicles; and reformulated ultra-low sulfur (15 parts per million) diesel fuels. The environmental and health benefit goals of the DRRP include 75 percent reduction in diesel PM emissions and associated cancer risks by 2010, and 85 percent reduction in diesel PM emissions and associated cancer risks by 2020.

ARB Emission Reduction Plan for Ports and Goods Movement in California

Air pollution from international trade and all goods movement in California is a public health concern at both regional and community levels. While these activities are key contributors to State and local economies, this prosperity comes at a price. Goods movement is the dominant contributor to transportation-sector emissions in California. To address this public health concern, ARB has developed a comprehensive strategy to identify and initiate specific actions to reduce goods movement-related emissions. The plan, known as the Emission Reduction Plan for Ports and Goods Movement in California (Ports and Goods Movement Plan) is an element of the broader Goods Movement Action Plan (Action Plan) prepared jointly by the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency. Phase 1 of the Action Plan, released in September 2005, highlighted the air pollution impacts of goods movement and the urgent need to mitigate localized health risks in affected communities. It established four goals for addressing the problem, including reduction of emissions to 2001 levels by 2010; continuing to reduce emissions until applicable standards are achieved; reducing diesel-related health risks 85 percent by 2020; and ensuring sufficient localized risk reduction in affected communities.

The strategies outlined by ARB in the Ports and Goods Movement Plan were approved by the Board in April 2006, and include regulatory actions, incentive programs, lease agreements, careful land use decisions, and voluntary actions, with measures addressing all significant goods movement emission sources (foreign and domestic) including trucks, locomotives, marine vessels, harbor craft, and cargo-handling equipment.

Strategic Plan:

Assembly Bill 233, Jones, (Chapter 592, Statutes of 2007) requires ARB to perform a triennial review of its existing enforcement of diesel emission control regulations and anticipated enforcement needs for future diesel control regulations for manufacturers, owners, or operators of on-road and off-road vehicles and engines to implement the DRRP and Ports and Goods Movement Plan, and to develop a strategic plan (Plan) for consistent, comprehensive, and fair enforcement of these regulations. The bill also requires ARB to develop the Plan in consultation with air districts and the public to present the Plan for review by the Board at a public hearing, and to submit the Plan to

the California Legislature on or before January 1, 2009, and every three years thereafter.

The ARB staff held public workshops on April 15, 2008, in El Monte, California and on April 25, 2008, in Sacramento, California. Staff has also drafted a Plan and will present it to the Board at the May 22, 2008, meeting. Copies of the Plan may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-2990, 10 days prior to the May 22, 2008 meeting. The Plan may also be obtained from ARB's internet site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/enf.htm>.

Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by e-mail before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, May 21, 2008**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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

Facsimile submittal: (916) 322-3928

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 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. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and other search engines.

The Board requests, but does not require, 30 copies of any written submission. Also, ARB requests that written and emailed statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Mr. Paul Jacobs, Chief, Mobile Source Enforcement Branch, at (916) 322-7061 or by email at pjacobs@arb.ca.gov, or to Ms. Elizabeth Miller, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-6212 or by email at efmiller@arb.ca.gov.

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James N. Goldstene
Executive Officer

Date: 5-6-2008