

Subject: February 24 - Workshop on Potential Amendments to the Greenhouse Gas Mandatory Reporting and Cap-and-Trade Regulations

Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop on February 24, 2016, to discuss potential revisions to ARB's Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 95100-95157) (MRR) and the Cap-and-Trade Regulation (title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 95800-96022) (C&T Regulation).

SUBJECT: Workshop on Potential Amendments to MRR and Cap-and-Trade Regulation

DATE: **Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Sher Auditorium, Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 "I" Street, Sacramento

The potential revisions would support alignment of the MRR and C&T Regulation, and clarify and update several sections of the regulations. In addition, staff will discuss potential modifications to the MRR and the C&T Regulation to support California's plan for compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) Clean Power Plan, and the regulatory schedule for potential amendments to both regulations. These amendments may include changes to reporting and verification deadlines and compliance periods, and changes needed to address federal plan "backstop" requirements.

The following workshop materials will be made available:

A staff discussion paper on the draft proposal for compliance with the Clean Power Plan will be made available on February 17, 2016, at 12 p.m. on the Cap-and-Trade Program (C&T Program) main page: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm>

The workshop agenda and presentations for the workshop will be available on February 23, 2016, at 12 p.m. on the MRR main webpage:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/reporting/ghg-rep/ghg-rep.htm> and the C&T Program main webpage: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm>

All interested stakeholders are invited to attend. A live webcast of the meeting will be available at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>

More information on the Mandatory Reporting Program may be found on the MRR website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/reporting/ghg-rep/ghg-rep.htm>

More information on the C&T Program may be found on the Cap-and-Trade website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm>

Special Accommodation Request

Special accommodation or language needs can be provided for any of the following:

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

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Stationary Source Division at (916) 322-2037 as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

BACKGROUND

Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Regulation

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) first approved the MRR in 2007, with revisions in 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2014. The upcoming 2016 amendments will clarify and update the regulation, including changes to support the C&T Program and for compliance with the U.S. EPA's Clean Power Plan.

Cap-and-Trade Regulation

The Board first formally adopted the C&T Regulation in October 2011, and subsequently approved limited amendments to the C&T Regulation in June 2012, October 2013, April 2014, September 2014, and most recently June 2015. The upcoming 2016 amendments will seek to improve C&T Program efficiency, update the C&T Regulation using the latest information, and chart post-2020 implementation of the C&T Program.

More information about ARB's Cap-and-Trade Program is available at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm>

Clean Power Plan

On August 3, 2015, U.S. EPA's Administrator signed its Clean Power Plan, which sets carbon dioxide emissions limits for many existing electric generating units. These regulations are based on section 111(d) (42 U.S.C. § 7411(d)) of the federal Clean Air Act. The Plan was published in the Federal Register on October 23, 2015. States must develop compliance plans to meet these limits and compliance plans are due in September 2016 (with the option to seek extensions). ARB is developing California's compliance plan in consultation with the California Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission, California's air districts, and other partners.

More information about the Clean Power Plan and related rules is available at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/powerplants/powerplants.htm>