NOTICE: CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

AB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Public Meeting to Discuss Competitiveness Issues in a California Cap-and-Trade Program

Topic and Purpose: The Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public meeting to discuss issues related to the competitiveness of California industries included in a California greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions cap-and-trade program.

AB 32 requires the ARB to address the design of a California cap-and-trade program to avoid placing local industries at a competitive disadvantage with out-of-state and international industries not subject to similar emission reduction requirements. If the program design results in significant competitive disadvantages, GHG emissions-intensive industries in California may choose, for example, to re-locate out of state or lose business to out-of-state competitors. This could offset any in-state emission reductions with even greater increases in emissions elsewhere and result in the loss of jobs and economic activity in California. Staff is exploring cap-and-trade program design features that can minimize this type of emissions “leakage,” and economic loss.

This meeting will provide a forum to discuss methods to identify and assess issues related to competitiveness and leakage for emissions-intensive and trade-exposed industries.

Where and When is the Meeting?
This meeting will be held at Cal/EPA Headquarters in Sacramento and will also be webcast.

Date: Monday, April 13, 2009
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 “I” Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

WEBCAST LINK (see details below)

More Information on Public Meetings
This meeting initiates a discussion of competitiveness issues and leakage in a cap-and-trade program. ARB is scheduling other public meetings to discuss cap-and-trade

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program design issues including but not limited to offsets, market operations, cap setting, and allowance distribution. ARB will post these meetings on the ARB website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm.

**Meeting Materials**
ARB will post meeting materials and an agenda prior to the workshop at http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/workgroup/meetings.htm. At this website, you may also join our electronic mailing list to receive further notices of ARB activities and public meetings related to the implementation of AB 32.

**Can’t Make It to the Meeting?**
ARB will webcast this meeting. Viewers can email written comments or questions during the session to ccworkshops@arb.ca.gov. Webcast links are posted at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal.

**Directions to Cal/EPA**
There are many ways to arrive at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building. We encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible. Use the following link for directions and information on public transit: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm

**Special Accommodations or Language Assistance**
If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Mihoyo Fuji at (916) 324-0916 or mfuji@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

**We Value Your Input**
We welcome and encourage your participation in this important effort. If you have any questions, please contact Mihoyo Fuji, ARB Office of Climate Change, at (916) 324-0916 or mfuji@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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