

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A
REVISION TO THE OZONE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

The California Air Resources Board (Board or ARB) will conduct a public hearing at the time and place noted below to consider a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) showing how the San Francisco Bay Area will attain the federal one-hour ozone standard.

DATE: July 22, 1999

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Board Room, 7th Floor
939 Ellis Street
San Francisco, California

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:30 a.m., July 22, 1999, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., July 23, 1999. This item may not be considered until July 23, 1999. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before July 22, 1999, to determine the day this item will be considered.

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In response to numerous exceedances of the federal one-hour ozone standard, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) redesignated the Bay Area to nonattainment; required a new attainment plan by June 15, 1999; and established an attainment deadline of November 15, 2000. In the July 10, 1998 notice of action, U.S. EPA defined the required elements of the SIP revision to include: a 1995 emission inventory for volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x); an assessment of the emission reductions needed to attain the ozone standard by 2000, using available data and technical analyses; a control strategy sufficient to attain the standard by 2000; and contingency measures.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider approval of the San Francisco Bay Area Attainment Plan for the 1-Hour National Ozone Standard (Bay Area Plan) as a SIP revision. The Bay Area Plan was developed by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Bay Area District) and its co-lead agencies, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). The Bay Area District and ABAG adopted the Plan on June 16 and 17 respectively; MTC will consider adoption on June 23, 1999. If MTC does not adopt the Plan, ARB will reschedule its hearing date on this item with a new notice.

The Bay Area Plan shows total VOC emissions of 562 tons per day (tpd) and total NOx emissions of 626 tpd in 1995 from mobile, stationary, and area sources. The attainment assessment shows that VOC emissions must be reduced to 434 tpd and NOx emissions to 534 tpd by June 1, 2000. The local, state, and federal measures already in the SIP emissions baseline for 2000 will provide the vast majority of the needed reductions. The baseline emissions also reflect new VOC reductions of 13 tpd that the District commits to achieve through permitting and enforcement actions to increase the effectiveness of vapor recovery controls at service stations.

Baseline measures will provide all of the needed NOx reductions, and all but 11 tpd of the needed VOC reductions. The Bay Area Plan identifies ten additional stationary and area source control measures to meet the VOC emissions target, plus two voluntary measures. Five of the control measures are adopted, but not yet incorporated into the SIP. The District is committing to adopt new controls for polystyrene manufacturing, organic liquid storage, and gasoline dispensing facilities, as well as two new measures affecting aeration of contaminated soils. On the mobile source side, the Bay Area Plan: relies on an adopted ARB measure for electric golf carts that had not been included in the SIP emissions baseline; establishes a new emissions budget for transportation conformity purposes; and withdraws four transportation control measures from the SIP.

The ARB staff has reviewed the Bay Area Plan and is recommending that the Board approve the Bay Area Plan as a SIP revision, specifically the 1995 emission inventory for VOC and NOx, the attainment assessment, the control strategy, the new transportation conformity budget, and the contingency measures. Staff is recommending further that the Board direct the Executive Officer to submit this SIP revision to U.S. EPA as soon as possible.

ARB staff will make an oral presentation and present recommendations to the Board at the meeting. Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing. Written comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, California 95812, no later than 12:00 noon, July 21, 1999, or received by the Clerk of the Board at the meeting. ARB requests, but does not require, that 20 copies of any written statements be submitted.

The ARB will post a report prepared by staff on the ARB's internet web site <http://www.arb.ca.gov/sip> by July 1, 1999. Alternatively, written copies may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 2020 L Street, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 322-2990, after July 1, 1999. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Gary Honcoop, Manager, Strategic Analysis and Liaison Section, Planning and Technical Support Division, at (916) 322-8474, or Kim Heroy-Rogalski of his staff at (916) 327-2200.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

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