

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REVISION TO THE
CALIFORNIA STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR CARBON MONOXIDE

The California Air Resources Board (Board or ARB) will conduct a public hearing at the time and place noted below to consider approval of a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for carbon monoxide (CO). The SIP revision consists of a revised maintenance demonstration for ten federal planning areas in California which incorporate the effects of the recent Board action to remove the wintertime oxygen requirement for gasoline. This revised demonstration shows that the carbon monoxide standard will continue to be maintained in all of the federal planning areas for at least ten years beyond the date of approval by the U.S. EPA.

DATE: October 22, 1998

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: California Air Resources Board
 Board Hearing Room, Lower Level
 2020 L Street
 Sacramento, California

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:30 a.m., October 22, 1998, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., October 23, 1998. This item may not be considered until October 23, 1998. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before October 22, 1998, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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The purpose of the hearing is to consider approval of a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for carbon monoxide. On April 26, 1996, the Board approved "Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for Ten Federal Planning Areas" as part of the State Implementation Plan for Carbon Monoxide. The ten federal planning areas are: Bakersfield Metropolitan Area, Fresno Urbanized Area, Lake Tahoe South Shore Area, Sacramento Area, San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Area, Chico Urbanized Area, Lake Tahoe North Shore Area, Modesto Urbanized Area, San Diego Area and the Stockton Urbanized Area. This plan incorporated a maintenance demonstration which depicted that emissions of carbon monoxide remained well below levels in the attainment year. The emission estimates in the original plan included the effects of the state requirement for wintertime oxygen in gasoline.

At a public hearing conducted on August 27, 1998, the Board adopted amendments to section 2262.5 in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations. This action removed California's requirement for oxygen in wintertime gasoline for certain areas of the state. The ARB staff has evaluated the impacts of this Board action and has determined that emissions will continue to remain well below levels required to maintain the carbon monoxide standard. The ARB staff is recommending the Board approve a revision to the SIP for carbon monoxide that demonstrates that the standard will continue to be met at least ten years beyond the attainment date as required by the Federal Clean Air Act.

ARB staff will make an oral presentation and present recommendations to the Board at the hearing. 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 October 21, 1998, or received by the Clerk of the Board at the hearing. ARB requests, but does not require, that 20 copies of any written statements be submitted.

Copies of a written report prepared by staff may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 2020 L Street, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 322-2990, on or after October 12, 1998. Copies can also be viewed and downloaded from ARB's web site at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/co/co.htm>. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Dean Saito, Manager, Liaison Section, Office of Air Quality and Transportation Planning, at (916) 322-8279, or Dennis Wade, District Liaison, at (916) 323-3858.

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