

October 15, 2020

To All Interested Parties:

California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff invites you to participate in a two-day public presentation to discuss locomotive technology and updates to the initial concepts for the new statewide in-use locomotive regulation. Staff held two public workshops in late-2019 to discuss the initial concepts.

Staff will also solicit input on scope and content of the environmental analysis, as well as alternative regulatory concepts for consideration in the environmental analysis and the standardized regulatory impact analysis that will be prepared for this regulatory action.

A [comment submittal form](#) is available for interested parties to submit general input prior to the workshop and feedback on the updated concepts following the workshop. Comments may be submitted using this form until November 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM. After November 13, stakeholders can also continue to comment through the formal regulatory process and comments may be submitted to Freight@arb.ca.gov.

Public Presentation Information

The presentations are open to the public and we encourage participation by all parties. The public presentations will be held on the dates and times shown below. Materials will be posted on the [Concepts to Reduce Emissions from Locomotives and Railyards](#) webpage in advance. Information on submitting questions and comments will be provided during the presentations for remote participants.

The public presentations will be held on the dates and times shown below:

Day 1

Date: October 29, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST)

Link: [Zoom](#)

Topics: Locomotive Technology, Truck v. Train, strategies to achieve 100 percent zero-emission off-road vehicles and equipment operations in the State by 2035

Day 2

Date: October 30, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST)

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Link: [Zoom](#)
Topics: Regulatory Concepts, Health Impacts and Risk Characterization, CEQA

Please use the links above to register and login to participate in the public presentations. Participants will have the ability to submit questions via the Zoom interface to staff during the presentation.

Background

In the absence of federal action to address harmful emissions from locomotives, CARB is developing regulatory concepts to reduce criteria pollutants, toxic air contaminants, and greenhouse gas emissions from locomotives in-use. These concepts are intended to be implemented statewide, and provide an opportunity for the railroads to better address regional pollution and long-standing environmental justice concerns with communities near railyards.

The goal of the regulatory concepts is to accelerate immediate adoption of advanced cleaner technologies for all locomotive operations. The Governor recently highlighted the importance of transitioning to zero-emission transportation technology in his [Executive Order N-79-20](#), which calls for 100 percent of off-road vehicles and equipment operations to be zero-emission by 2035. CARB is working with industry to create and test zero-emission locomotive technologies. As discussed in CARB's Draft 2020 [Mobile Source Strategy](#), such technologies are critical to the State's ability to protect public health, address climate change, and meet both State and federal air quality standards.

Environmental Analysis

The public presentations will serve as a scoping meeting as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA and CARB's Certified Regulatory Program (Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15251(d); Cal. Code Regs., Title 17, §§ 60000–60008), staff will review the proposed In-Use Locomotive Regulation to determine if the proposed project would result in any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. Staff will provide an overview of CARB's process for preparing the environmental analysis (EA) and its content. Staff welcomes public input at the workshop on the appropriate scope and content of the EA at the beginning of our process, including the reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance with the proposed In-Use Locomotive Regulation, the potential significant adverse impacts, potential feasible mitigation measures, and feasible alternatives to the proposal that could reduce or eliminate any significant adverse impacts. A Draft EA will be released for a minimum of a 45-day public review and comment period with the proposed In-Use Locomotive Regulation. Comments received at this public workshop will be considered when preparing the CEQA document.

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Special Accommodation Request

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Alyssa Rhodes via email Alyssa.Rhodes@arb.ca.gov, no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting.

TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service. Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, favor de contactar a Stephen Cutts al scutts@arb.ca.gov no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes de la junta programada. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

For More Information

For more information, visit CARB's [Concepts to Reduce Emissions from Locomotives and Railyards](#). To receive updates and notices of upcoming meetings, sign up for our [email subscription service](#).

If you have questions about the public presentations, please email Freight@arb.ca.gov. If you need technical support during the public presentations, please message Alyssa Rhodes in Zoom. For problems accessing the public presentations, contact Alyssa Rhodes via email Alyssa.Rhodes@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cari Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cari" and last name "Anderson" clearly legible.

Cari Anderson, Chief
Freight Transport Branch
Transportation and Toxics Division