In response to the requirements of SB 617 and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), ARB is welcoming public input on alternatives to the existing regulation and concepts in the LCFS Re-Adoption Concept Paper released on March 7, 2014.

State rulemaking and environmental law supports public input in this ongoing ARB process aimed toward a Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) rulemaking proposal for Board consideration in fall 2014. As part of that process, ARB encourages public input on alternative LCFS approaches: specifically, any approach that may yield the same or greater benefits than those associated with the proposed regulation, or that may achieve the goals at lower cost.

To submit an alternative for ARB to analyze in its Standardized Regulatory Impact Analysis (SRIA) under SB 617 (see http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/economic_research_unit/SB617_regulation/view.php) and/or under CEQA, please ensure that your submission discusses the alternative’s ability to fulfill the purposes of the draft regulatory proposal as ARB has presented it. To enable comparison of economic impacts, please submit the quantities of low-CI fuels used each year to comply with the alternative, as well as the associated cost and benefit information, and their sources. Please also submit a clear description of the basis for any cost calculations.

For environmental alternatives, please state the potentially significant adverse environmental impact(s) your alternative is seeking to address, and discuss how your proposed alternative would avoid or substantially lessen that impact while meeting most of the draft staff proposal’s basic purposes.

ARB will consider all alternatives provided in deciding which alternatives will be carried forward for more detailed analysis as part of the rulemaking process.

The deadline for submission of alternatives relating to economic impacts is Friday, June 6, 2014. Alternatives may be submitted via email to Ms. Kirsten King, at kking@arb.ca.gov.

The Low Carbon Fuel Standard, a regulation to reduce the carbon intensity of fuels sold in California ten percent by 2020, is one of the measures adopted by the California Air Resources Board, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 38500-38599 (AB 32) to reduce greenhouse gases in California. It is designed to help clean the air, protect the environment, and drive the development of clean, low-carbon fuels.