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## 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: Thursday, April 2, 2009  
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Location: Coastal Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 program design issues including but not limited to offsets, market operations, cap

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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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/meetings/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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mfuji@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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