Subject: arbcombo -- October 7 Cap-and-Trade Workshop on Refineries and Related Industries

Please save October 7, 2013 for a public workshop to discuss potential changes to the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market-Based Compliance Mechanism relating to allocation benchmarks and approaches to refineries, hydrogen and coke calcining.

TOPIC: Refineries and Related Industries Workshop
DATE:  Monday, October 7, 2013
TIME:  1 pm to 4 pm
LOCATION:  Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Cal/EPA HQ Building, 1001 “I” Street, Sacramento

This workshop will focus on allowance allocation to refineries under the Cap-and-Trade Program during the second and third compliance periods. The Air Resources Board will discuss its proposed regulatory changes in this area. Under the current regulation, the carbon dioxide-weighted tonne will form the basis of these allocations. ARB is considering the complexity weighted barrel approach. Potential changes to allocations for two related activities, hydrogen production and calcining coke, will also be discussed.

The agenda for the workshop will be available on ARB’s Cap-and-Trade Workshops and Meetings webpage: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/meetings/meetings.htm

All interested stakeholders are invited to attend. A live webcast of the meeting will be available at: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1

Background
The California Cap-and-Trade Regulation (Regulation) was formally adopted by the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) in 2011. In 2012, the Board adopted a limited set of amendments focused on implementation of the Regulation. In response to Board direction and further discussions with stakeholders, staff began a public process this spring to propose additional amendments for Board consideration in late October 2013. Refinery stakeholders have requested reconsideration of the carbon dioxide-weighted tonne allocation method. This workshop will cover refinery and related product considerations for potential new amendments.