

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Cap-and-Trade Online Registration

What is the purpose of the online registration form?

Section 95830 of the Cap-and-Trade Regulation (Regulation) requires all covered entities to register for the cap-and-trade program by January 31, 2012. The purpose of this online registration form is to assist covered entities in complying with this requirement.

This deadline only applies to covered entities and not to voluntary market program participants. No other information beyond that requested on the form needs to be submitted by this deadline.

Does filling this form out qualify me for a tracking system account?

No. Registration through the use of this online form does not register you for a Compliance Instrument Tracking System Service (CITSS) account. Registration and creation of accounts in the CITSS will occur at a later date. The CITSS application is under development and once complete will track compliance instrument issuance, ownership, transfer and retirement.

Who may use this form?

The Regulation requires all covered entities to register for the cap-and-trade program. Section 95811 of the Regulation defines who is a covered entity. Voluntary market participants are not required to register at this time but may choose to do so.

How do I know if I am a covered entity and must register?

Section 95811 of the Regulation defines who is a covered entity. Further guidance information is available here: www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/registration/registration-guidance.pdf

What if I am a covered entity starting in 2015?

You are required to register now if you are a covered entity starting in 2015 if your 2011 emissions exceed the applicable thresholds for fuel suppliers or you have any electricity imports of specified or unspecified power. Please select "Covered Entity, Covered Source, and Opt-In Entity" from the drop-down menu when indicating type of registrant.

Do I need to register for every covered facility or can I designate one entity that will manage the compliance obligation for multiple entities?

You need to register for every covered facility because each entity's compliance obligation will be assessed at the facility level unless otherwise noted in section 95812(c) of the Regulation.

If I register as an Opt-In, what else do I need to do?

You do not need to do anything else at this time. Once the MRR system is ready for reporting, you will be sent an email at the email address provided during registration to begin the process of reporting and verification of your facility's GHG emissions as required under section 95813 of the Regulation. If you have immediate questions, please contact David Allgood at dallgood@arb.ca.gov or (916) 445-8238.

Will I get confirmation that my registration has been approved?

No, you will get a formal confirmation of registration approval after you have also successfully registered for an account in the CITSS.

When will I receive allowances?

For covered or opt-in entities that will receive free allowances, allocation of allowances will occur later this year. For further information regarding allowance allocation, please contact David Allgood at dallgood@arb.ca.gov or (916) 445-8238.

Can I use this form to register a compliance offset project?

No, this registration form is not provided to support offset project registration. Please see our Compliance Offset Program webpage for additional information:
www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/offsets/offsets.htm

Will I need to reregister when the CITSS is activated?

You will have to register separately for an account in the CITSS. You will have an opportunity to review and update information submitted on this form as part of the CITSS registration process.

For more information

For general questions regarding the cap-and-trade program, please call the cap-and-trade hotline number at (916) 322-2037.

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