



Public Workshop Regarding Climate Change Regulations for Motor Vehicles

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss the development of climate change regulations for motor vehicles. This workshop is specifically designed to address environmental justice issues and concerns relating to the development of ARB's climate change regulations. The workshop will be held at the time and location shown below:

Workshop Date: February 18, 2004
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Huntington Park Oldtimers Foundation
Patio Hall
3355 East Gage Avenue
Huntington Park, California 90255

It is estimated that passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks are responsible for about 40 percent of the total climate change emissions in the state. The control and reduction of climate change emissions are critical to slow the effects of global warming, which is a matter of increasing concern for public health and the environment within the state.

As a result of global warming, we can expect to see worsening air quality. This is because high temperatures, strong sunlight, and a stable air mass are ideal for the formation of ground-level ozone, the most health-damaging constituent of smog. We would also see an increase in the number of weather-related deaths, and a possible increase in infectious diseases.

To begin to address climate change, Assembly Bill (AB) 1493 (Pavley, Chapter 200, Statutes of 2002) requires ARB to develop and adopt, by January 1, 2005, regulations that achieve the maximum feasible and cost-effective reduction of greenhouse gases emitted by noncommercial passenger cars and light-duty trucks. These regulations would apply to vehicles manufactured in the 2009 model year or later. The Board will consider the proposed regulations in September 2004. Per this legislation, staff is in the process of developing a draft climate change regulation for motor vehicles and is interested in your input as we move forward.

Topics that will be discussed at this workshop include:

- How we plan to evaluate impacts of the climate change regulations to jobs and businesses on communities with environmental justice concerns.
- How we plan to evaluate the impacts of climate change on communities with environmental justice concerns.
- The types of technology improvements that may be seen on new vehicles to reduce climate change emissions.
- Different ways that the climate change emission standards can be expressed and the implications of each.
- How we plan to provide flexibility to the auto manufacturers while ensuring no reductions in the effectiveness of the climate change regulations or our other criteria and toxic air pollution regulations.
- How the climate change regulations may change consumer behavior.

You can find additional information on the workshop as well as staff's efforts to reduce climate change emissions by going to the ARB climate change web site (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/climatechange>). This web site will be updated regularly with information pertinent to this workshop. Attendees should check this web site prior to attending to keep updated on substantive information about this workshop.

If you wish to receive e-mail notification of updates on the workshop and ARB's climate change regulations, please register for our Climate Change list serve at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/cc/cc.htm>.

If you have questions about the workshop or need additional information, please call Ms. Lisa Kasper, Air Pollution Specialist, Zero-Emission Vehicle Implementation Section, at (916) 327-2932 or e-mail her at lkasper@arb.ca.gov.