

## AB 32 Assessment Requirements

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## AB 32 Requirements

- In adopting regulations to implement AB 32, to the extent feasible and in furtherance of achieving the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit, ARB shall:
  - Ensure activities to comply with regulations do not disproportionately impact low-income communities (HSC § 38562(b)(2))
  - Consider overall societal benefits, including reductions in other air pollutants, diversification of energy sources, and other benefits to the economy, environment, and public health (HSC § 38562(b)(6))

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## AB 32 Requirements continued . . .

- Prior to the inclusion of any market-based compliance mechanism in the regulations, to the extent feasible and in furtherance of achieving the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit, ARB shall:
  - Consider the potential for direct, indirect and cumulative emission impacts, including localized impacts in communities that are already impacted by air pollution
  - Design any market-based mechanisms to prevent increase in toxic air contaminants or criteria air pollutants
  - Maximize additional environmental and economic benefits for California, as appropriate

(Health and Safety Code §38570(b))

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## Progress to Date

- Proposed a methodology to identify low-income communities highly impacted by air pollution
- Completed the updated economic analysis of the Scoping Plan
- Analyses of the cap-and-trade regulation are in progress
  - Health Impact Assessment
  - Environmental Analysis (CEQA)
  - Cumulative/Local Emission Impacts

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