



# Air Resources Board



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To All Interested Parties:

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss ARB staff's regulatory proposal to amend the "small containers of automotive refrigerant" regulation. In particular, we propose to modify the container deposit and return requirement on purchases of the small containers of HFC-134a used in Do-It-Yourself (DIY) motor vehicle air conditioning (MVAC) servicing, the refrigerant recycling requirement, and their associated reporting requirements. On January 1, 2010, the requirements for retailer stores to collect this core deposit went into effect and became enforceable under Title 17, California Code of Regulations section 95366(a). The purpose of the container deposit/return and the refrigerant recycling programs was to recycle the refrigerant remaining in the used containers and thereby reduce the emissions from used containers being discarded in the trash or otherwise leaking into the atmosphere.

While the regulation has resulted in greater emission reductions than the original estimates, the refrigerant recovery and the container return rate by consumers has been substantially lower than expected. Because of these issues, ARB is proposing to amend the regulation. The purpose of this workshop is to provide an overview of ARB activities to date and to discuss and solicit public input on the regulatory proposal.

Details of this workshop are as follows:

**DATE:** August 25, 2015

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Cal/EPA Headquarters  
Training Room 2  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Workshop materials will be available on the HFC Emission Reduction Measures website (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/hfc-mac/hfcdiy/meetings/meetings.htm>) one week prior to the workshop and will be available in hard copy at the meeting. Additional information can also be found at the regulation's webpage:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/hfc-mac/hfcdiy/hfcdiy.htm>

*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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If you wish to participate by phone, please contact Mr. Winston Potts at (916) 323-2537 or via email at [winston.potts@arb.ca.gov](mailto:winston.potts@arb.ca.gov) to ensure that adequate phone lines are available.

ARB will use the DIY MVAC Program list serve to notify stakeholders of upcoming events related to proposed modification to the DIY MVAC regulation. If you wish to sign up for this list serve, please visit:

[http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv\\_ind.php?listname=hfcdiy](http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=hfcdiy)

If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Mr. Vince Vicari at (916) 323-1522 or [vince.vicari@arb.ca.gov](mailto:vince.vicari@arb.ca.gov) as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD /Speech to Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation in this important effort. If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Mr. Winston Potts, Air Resources Engineer, Air Quality & Climate Science Section, Research Division, at (916) 323-2537 or via email at [winston.potts@arb.ca.gov](mailto:winston.potts@arb.ca.gov) or Dr. Dongmin Luo, Manager, Air Quality & Climate Science Section, Research Division, at (916) 324-8496 or via email at [dongmin.luo@arb.ca.gov](mailto:dongmin.luo@arb.ca.gov).

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