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## PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS FOR RECOMMENDED APPROACHES FOR DEVELOPING CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR GREENHOUSE GASES

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a workshop to discuss an approach for developing California Environmental Quality Act thresholds of significance for greenhouse gases. Staff will present their preliminary concept at this workshop, as well as pose an initial set of questions to begin discussion on the topic.

### Date/Time

October 27, 2008  
9:00 a.m. –  
11:00 a.m.

### Public Workshop Location

Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/?BDO=1>

**Background.** California law (Senate Bill 97, Chapter 185, 2007) states that greenhouse gas emissions and the effects of greenhouse gas emissions are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to SB 97, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is in the process of developing guidelines for the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions or the effects of greenhouse gas emissions. These guidelines are intended to help lead agencies meet their CEQA obligations. As part of this process, OPR has asked ARB technical staff to recommend a method for setting thresholds of significance for GHG emissions.

The purpose of this workshop is to seek public comment on ARB staff's preliminary concept, prior to presentation of a final recommended approach to the Board in January 2009.

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*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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We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. If you have questions about meeting content, please contact Douglas Ito, Manager, State Implementation Plan and Local Government Strategies Section, at [dito@arb.ca.gov](mailto:dito@arb.ca.gov). If you have questions about meeting logistics, please contact Marie Kavan at [mkavan@arb.ca.gov](mailto:mkavan@arb.ca.gov) or (916) 322-7142.

Sincerely,

/s/

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