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AB 32 – California Global Warming Solutions Act Draft Scoping Plan Supplemental Evaluations Public Workshop

Public Workshop on Draft Scoping Plan Supplemental Evaluations

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a workshop on the Draft Scoping Plan Economic Analysis Supplement and Public Health Analysis Supplement. This workshop will provide the public an opportunity to comment and provide feedback on the Supplemental Evaluations. We welcome and encourage your participation in this event. For further information, please contact Tabetha Willmon, ARB Office of Climate Change, at 916-322-7467.

Workshop Location

We encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible. The public workshop will be held at the following location and will also be webcast:

Date: Friday, September 26, 2008
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters, Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95812
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

Scoping Plan Supplemental Evaluations Background

ARB developed the Draft Scoping Plan in response to the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). AB 32 requires ARB to "evaluate the total potential costs and total potential economic and noneconomic benefits of the [Scoping Plan] to California's economic, environment and public health, using the best available economic models, emission estimation techniques and other scientific methods" (Health and Safety Code (HSC) §38562(c)).

The Evaluation Supplements assess both the economic and public health effects of the ARB's June 26, 2008 Draft Scoping Plan. The Economic Analysis Supplement summarizes ARB's evaluation of the impact on California's economy by implementing the measures set out in the preliminary recommendations of the Draft Scoping Plan. ARB has also conducted a preliminary evaluation of the potential public health benefits associated with the preliminary recommendations in the Draft Scoping Plan. The public health analysis is focused primarily on the quantification of public health benefits from air quality improvements that would result from implementation of the Draft Scoping Plan. In addition, ARB's Draft Scoping Plan Measure Documentation Supplement contains a measure-by-measure summary of the assumptions and calculations ARB used in developing GHG emission reductions, costs, and savings for measures in the Scoping Plan and associated appendices and supplemental evaluations.

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 are requesting comments on these Supplements as soon as possible, recognizing that these comments will not be able to be reflected in the October 3rd release of the Proposed Scoping Plan. The October 3rd Proposed Scoping Plan will contain an economic and public health assessment of the final staff recommendation and will be available for additional public comment.

Comments received on these Supplements will be considered along with all other comments about the measures and analyses in the Proposed Scoping Plan that will be considered by the Board at its November hearing.

Staff will provide an update at the November Board meeting as needed to respond to comments received on the analysis that is included with October 3rd Proposed Scoping Plan. The public health and environmental impact of the proposal will be one of a number of factors that the Board will weigh when it considers adoption of the Proposed Plan at its November hearing.

You are encouraged to submit your comments on these evaluations at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/spcomment.htm>. (Click on the “Submit Comments” icon.)

Workshop Materials

The Supplemental Evaluations are available on the ARB website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/document/draftscopingplan.htm>. The workshop materials and agenda will be posted prior to the workshop at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/meetings/meetings.htm>. At this website, you may join our electronic mailing list to receive notices on ARB activities and public meetings.

Video/Audio Webcast

A live video/audio webcast will be available for the workshop at the following link: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal.

You can also submit your questions and comments during the workshops to ccworkshops@arb.ca.gov.

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

To place your request for disability services, please contact ARB's Disability Coordinator at 916-323-4916 by voice or through the California Relay Services at 711. For interpreter services, please contact ARB's Bilingual Manager at 916-323-7053.

Sincerely,

/s/

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