

ARB Environmental Justice Stakeholders Group Meeting

The next meeting of the ARB Environmental Justice Stakeholders Group will be on Tuesday, February 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can participate at the following locations:

<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Video Conferencing</u>
Cal/EPA Building Room 620 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA	ARB El Monte Offices Room 106 9528 Telstar El Monte, CA

You can also participate in the meeting via teleconference. The telephone number is (888) 469-0487 and the Passcode is 33996.

The entire meeting will focus on discussion of the new draft of the Air Quality Handbook on Land Use (Handbook). A copy of the Handbook and three appendices can be viewed here:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/aqhandbook.htm>

The new version of the Handbook retains many of the key elements of the first draft, but is better organized, more reader friendly, and focuses on existing mechanisms and approaches that land use agencies can use to prevent or reduce potential air pollution problems associated with new projects. In addition, we have added appendices that contain air quality-related information that land use agencies can use to identify the types of projects may pose an air quality impact, questions to ask when reviewing new projects, and what types of air quality data are available and where to find it.

We would like to thank you in advance to taking the time to review this lengthy document. We look forward to discussing your comments at the meeting on February 24th. If you have any questions on the Handbook, please contact Lucille Van Ommering at (916) 323-0296 or at Ivanomme@arb.ca.gov. If you have questions about the meeting arrangements, please contact Dale Shimp at (916) 324-7156 or at dshimp@arb.ca.gov.

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Draft Air Quality Handbook for Land Use

As part of the Air Resources Board's (ARB) Community Health Program, the ARB is developing a draft Air Quality Handbook on Land Use (draft Handbook). The draft Handbook is intended to serve as a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process. The ARB is also developing related information and technical evaluation tools for addressing cumulative impacts in a community. They will be available through the ARB's Internet site or in the form of future supplements.

The draft Handbook is an informational document with recommendations that are not requirements or mandates for land use agencies or local air districts. It describes tools that can be used to support land use decision-makers in addressing the potential for cumulative emissions, exposure, and health risk.

For more information regarding the draft Handbook, please contact Dr. Linda Murchison, Assistant Division Chief of ARB's Planning and Technical Support Division, at (916) 322-5350. You may also contact Ms. Lucille van Ommering at (916) 323-0296.

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