



Air Resources Board



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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
THE AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR STATE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY
STANDARDS

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop and provide input on the proposed area designations for State ambient air quality standards (State standards).

The workshop will be held at the time and location shown below:

DATE: March 16, 2011
TIME: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters
1001 "I" Street
Training Room 2 West, Second Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Additional information about the meeting location and parking is provided on our web site at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/sactomap.htm>.

Workshop Information and Background

To protect public health, the Board has adopted State ambient air quality standards. These State standards define the maximum amount of air pollutant that can be present in ambient (outdoor) air. State law requires ARB to establish and annually review the area designations for State standards.

ARB establishes area designations for ten pollutants: ozone, inhalable particulate matter (PM₁₀), fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, sulfates, lead, hydrogen sulfide, and visibility reducing particles. Areas are designated as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment-transitional, or unclassified for each State standard based on air quality data for the most recent three calendar years. This year's area designations are based on data collected during 2007 through 2009.

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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At the public workshop, ARB staff will present an overview of the proposed changes to the area designations which affect one pollutant: ozone. ARB staff proposes to redesignate the Northeast Plateau Air Basin as attainment. ARB staff also proposes confirming the redesignation of the Lake Tahoe Air Basin as nonattainment-transitional and Glenn County (Sacramento Valley Air Basin) as nonattainment. Although these last two changes occur by operation of law as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 40925.5, the Board has traditionally confirmed such changes. The Board is currently scheduled to consider the proposed designation changes at a public hearing on May 26, 2011.

For further information, visit our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/desig/desig.htm>. You can receive e-mail notifications when information related to the State Area Designations is posted on our website by subscribing to our listserv at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/desig.htm>.

Special Accommodations and Language Assistance

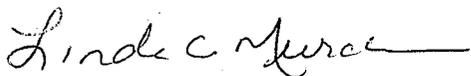
Special accommodation or language needs can be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the workshop
- Documents made available in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or another language; or
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact Ms. Marcella Nystrom at (916) 323-8543 or by email at mnystrom@arb.ca.gov, as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

If you have any questions about the public workshop or proposed amendments, please contact Ms. Marcella Nystrom, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-8543 or mnystrom@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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