

Form Letter 1 for Comment 15 for Administrative Fee Regulation (feereg09) - 45 Day.

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Dear Richard,

Support Fees on Polluters to Fund Global Warming Programs

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) will vote next week on whether major polluters should fund California's fight against global warming. The AB 32 Administrative Fee regulation would provide a stable funding stream paid by major pollution sources for CARB and the other agencies charged with implementing California's global warming plan rather than relying on already burdened state funds. Without urgent action, global warming will continue to worsen air pollution in California by accelerating ozone formation and causing increased emissions from power plants, air conditioners and other sources.

California's leadership on global warming should be funded by California's leading polluters.

The administrative fee would be charged to utility companies, refineries, cement manufacturers and other major sources of greenhouse gases based on their annual pollution levels to support AB 32 staffing needs. This fee will raise the necessary funds to support the important work of CARB and other state agencies in implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gases under California's AB 32 Scoping Plan and to ensure those measures do not result in adverse public health outcomes.

Polluters don't want to pay.

This regulation is opposed by the California Chamber of Commerce, the Western States Petroleum Association and a long list of business and industries who would benefit from not paying fees for their emissions and leave CARB without a consistent, stable source of funding for AB 32 programs. We need your help to ensure that California continues the fight against global warming and that the administrative fee regulation is adopted to support this important work.

Please voice your support for the Administrative Fee regulation to CARB Chairman Mary Nichols by pasting the message below into the Air Resources Board's comment page:

http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bcsubform.php?listname=feereg09&comm_period=A

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Dear Chairman Nichols,

I am writing to thank you for your leadership as the California Air Resources Board (CARB) moves forward in the fight against global warming and to support the Administrative Fee regulation coming up for a vote on June 25, 2009.

A stable funding source is needed in order to continue the important work of CARB and other state agencies to implement California's global warming strategies. The proposed AB 32 administrative fee provides that funding in an equitable manner by imposing a fee on major sources of greenhouse gases in California, rather than continuing to rely on state funds.

In light of the state's already dire budget situation, adopting the fee regulation is a responsible action to provide the resources necessary to administer key strategies and regulations to curb greenhouse gas emissions from all sectors of the economy.

I strongly support adoption of the fee to ensure that CARB maintains momentum toward meeting the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals. Thank you again for your leadership and I again urge you to adopt the AB 32 administrative fee.

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