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Good Morning!

I was trying to submit my comment for this webinar:
20-12-2: Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to the Emission Inventory Criteria and Guidelines Report for the Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Program
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/ab-2588-air-toxics-hot-spots/hot-spots-inventory-guidelines>

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I hope you will be able to submit my comment below.
Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,

Mary

Thank you for accepting written comments this morning.

Two years ago, I took a trip to Three Rivers in the Fresno/Stockton area to meet a friend. While there, we visited Visalia. When we were in the town center, I got out of the car and immediately noticed that the air was thick and acrid. It was so shockingly bad that I looked up what might have accidentally been released that day.

Turns out, the American Lung Association's State of the Air 2018 report ranked Visalia

number 1 as the city in the United States most polluted by year-round particle pollution. This was not a one-time occurrence ... it's like that there all the time and has been ranked in the top worst polluted cities for years.

That would account for the large complex of allergy and respiratory centers I noticed.

Studies on air pollution and children's health show diverse respiratory health outcomes, including asthma, other respiratory symptoms, deficits in lung function and growth, alteration in the immune system and mortality in children younger than five years of age.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2528642/>

In communities, there are often multiple sources of pollutants in close proximity. The toxic stew in the air is not being addressed nor assessed for risk. No one knows what toxicity is being created when various chemicals mix together. These sacrifice zones are typically and unjustly, people of color and lower income levels.

I ask you to consider passing the rules under consideration today to get lists updated with current toxic chemicals and determine localized impacts.

I ask CARB to approve the rules that will accelerate progress in high risk urban environments with an early action process to reduce emissions and head toward zero discharge.

The decisive action you take today with approval of the proposed amendments will begin to improve air quality and change the trajectory of public health. Thank you.