



Air Resources Board



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Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a public meeting to discuss proposed amendments to California's Mobile Cargo Handling Equipment at Ports and Intermodal Rail Yards Regulation (Cargo Handling Equipment Regulation), which became effective December 2006. This workshop will provide an overview of the proposed amendments to the existing regulatory requirements.

The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Date: November 30, 2010
Time: 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

This workshop will be webcast and viewers can email questions during the session to auditorium@calepa.ca.gov. Webcast links are posted at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal.

The Cargo Handling Equipment Regulation was adopted by ARB in December 2005, and became effective in December 2006. ARB staff will be proposing amendments to the Cargo Handling Equipment Regulation to address implementation issues that have arisen since that time. Amendments under consideration include:

1. Clarify to which facilities the Cargo Handling Equipment Regulation is applicable by revising the definition of "port".
2. Add additional time to the extension for in-use non-yard truck equipment for which there are currently no Verified Diesel Emission Control Systems (VDECS) available. Without additional time, this in-use equipment must be repowered or replaced after the current two-year extension expires.

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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3. Add a compliance exemption for cases where a VDECS would create a safety hazard. ARB is currently working with the California Department of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (CalOSHA) to develop a safety provision, for incorporation into the rule.
4. Allow non-yard truck equipment transfers from one terminal to another as long as ownership does not change. These equipment transfers would not be allowed for the purposes of complying, or delaying compliance, with the Cargo Handling Equipment Regulation.
5. Add a compliance extension provision for equipment that operates less than 150 hours per year.

You may find additional information about the Cargo Handling Equipment Regulation on the ARB's webpage for cargo handling equipment, <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/cargo/cargo.htm>. Copies of the workshop agenda and workshop presentation will be posted prior to the workshop.

To receive email notification when there are updates or additional information posted on the webpage above, please join our cargo handling equipment email list at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=cargo

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For further information about the workshop, please contact me at (916) 327-7213 or by email at crainfor@arb.ca.gov or Mr. Kirk Rosenkranz, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 327-7843 or by e-mail at krosenkr@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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