



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 Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation (regulation), which became effective November 19, 2008. This workshop will provide an overview of the proposed amendments to add in-use engine requirements for diesel engines on crew and supply vessels.

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

Date: March 2, 2009
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Hearing Room
County Administration Building, 4th Floor
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

This workshop will be webcast, and viewers can e-mail questions during the session to harborcraft@arb.ca.gov. The webcast will be available at http://sbcounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=7 on the day of the meeting. It is recommended that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal.

Staff will present proposed amendments to add in-use engine requirements for diesel engines on crew and supply vessels which operate in Regulated California Waters. A copy of the regulation, as approved by the ARB Office of Administrative Law in November 2008, may be obtained from the ARB website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2007/chc07/rev93118.pdf>. While crew and supply vessels are a small segment of the California commercial harbor craft fleet, they contribute a significant portion of the harbor craft emissions in some districts. ARB estimates that 36 percent of the harbor craft emissions in the Santa Barbara County and Ventura County air districts are from diesel engines on crew and supply vessels.

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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You may find additional information on the ARB webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/harborcraft>. To receive e-mail notification when there are updates or additional information posted on the webpage above, please join our commercial harbor craft e-mail list at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/marinevess/lists.htm>.

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Ms. Linda Keifer at (916) 323-4327 or lkeifer@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

For further information about the workshop, please contact me at (916) 327-7213 or by e-mail at crainfor@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Todd Sterling, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-1034 or by e-mail at tsterlin@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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