



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 the implementation of California's Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation (regulation), which became effective January 1, 2009. This workshop will provide an overview of the regulation requirements and associated compliance dates, as well as information regarding funding options for early compliance.

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

Date: February 11, 2009
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

This workshop will be webcast, and viewers can email questions during the session to sierrarm@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.

Any person who sells, supplies, offers for sale, purchases, owns or operates, leases, charters, or rents any commercial harbor craft that operates in any of the Regulated California Waters is subject to and has responsibilities under this regulation. Requirements affecting all commercial harbor craft include emission limits for replacement engines and engines on newly built vessels, as well as in-use engine requirements for reporting, keeping records, and maintaining a non-resettable hour meter on in-use diesel engines. Additionally, there are emission limits for in-use diesel engines on vessels operating as ferries, excursion vessels, tugboats, or towboats. A copy of the regulation may be obtained from the ARB website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2007/chc07/rev93118.pdf>.

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's webpage for commercial harbor craft, <http://www.arb.ca.gov/harborcraft>. To receive email notification when there are updates or additional information posted on the webpage above, please join our commercial harbor craft email 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 email 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,

/s/

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