



Air Resources Board



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Dear Mr. ~~Jelenić~~ Jelenić:

In our correspondence dated June 24, 2016, the Air Resources Board (ARB) extended the deadline for submitting the vessel fleet and terminal plan updates required by the Ocean-going Vessels At-Berth Regulation (At-Berth Regulation) from July 1, 2016 to October 1, 2016. These plans are a mechanism for vessel fleets and terminal operators to coordinate with each other and notify ARB how each intends to comply with the At-Berth Regulation for the calendar years 2017 and 2020 when the requirements for emission reductions step up from current levels.

We extended the plan deadline to allow fleets and terminals to consider the options to be defined in an upcoming At-Berth Advisory that would apply beginning January 1, 2017. This new Advisory is still in development. Therefore, ARB is further extending the deadline for submitting the initial 2017 plans to December 1, 2016. In addition, because changes in global vessel alliances expected in April 2017 may significantly affect the compliance plans, vessel fleets and terminal operators may elect to defer submittal of data for 2020 until July 1, 2017. Fleets and terminals may also opt to provide revisions to their initial 2017 plan by July 1, 2017, to reflect changes resulting from ongoing vessel alliance planning. We appreciate your suggestions on this two-phase approach to ensure fleets and terminals can provide the most accurate projections possible.

If you have any further questions please contact Angela Csondes, Manager, at (916) 323-4882 or via email at angela.csondes@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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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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