



Air Resources Board



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Interested Community Members and Stakeholders:

The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) will conduct a public workshop to present a report on draft recommendations to provide further locomotive and railyard emissions reductions. The draft recommendations would provide emission reductions in excess of those provided by existing U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and ARB locomotive and railyard regulations and agreements. The report will be available by September 9, 2009, at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/railyard.htm>.

The date, time, and location for the public workshop can be found below:

Date/Time:

Tuesday, September 15, 2009
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location:

Commerce City Hall
Council Chambers
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, California 90040

At the April 2008 public meeting, the Board directed staff to develop a plan to provide further locomotive and railyard emissions reductions. In response to the Board's direction, ARB staff released a draft report entitled *Technical Options to Achieve Additional Emissions and Risk Reductions from California Locomotives and Railyards* (Technical Options Report) in December 2008. A revised Technical Options Report that incorporated public comments and updated information was released in August 2009. The revised report can be found at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/ted/ted.htm>.

Using the information presented in the Technical Options Report, staff developed draft recommendations based on those measures that had the greatest potential for emission reductions, with consideration of technical feasibility, cost-effectiveness, cost, and implementation timeframe. These draft recommendations are scheduled to be considered by the Board at the September 24-25, 2009 public meeting. The September Board meeting is to be held at the South Coast Air Quality Management District – Auditorium, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California. For confirmation of the actual date that this item will be considered, please refer to the meeting agenda available ten days prior to the meeting at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/board/meetings.htm>.

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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We encourage community members and other interested parties to attend the public workshop. In addition, we welcome written comments. These comments may be submitted to:

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If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format or language, please contact Mr. Valentine Montoya at (916) 324-0428 or vmontoya@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled event/meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

If you have questions about the upcoming public workshop, please contact Mr. Holmes at (916) 324-8029.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Harold Holmes, Manager
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