

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A REPORT AND FINDINGS ON THE EXEMPTION OF ADDITIONAL VEHICLES FROM CALIFORNIA'S SMOG CHECK PROGRAM

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the approval of a report and findings on the Exemption of Additional Vehicles from California's Smog Check Program.

DATE: April 24, 2003

TIME: 9:00 AM

**PLACE: Air Resources Board
Central Valley Auditorium, Second Floor
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., April 24, 2003, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., April 25, 2003. This item may not be considered until April 25, 2003. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before April 24, 2003, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact ARB's Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-5594 or sdorais@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

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In 2002 the Legislature enacted AB 2637 (Stats. 2002, Chapter 1001), which requires the establishment of an enhanced Smog Check Program in the urbanized areas of the San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin. Among other requirements, AB 2637 also provides for new motor vehicles to be exempted statewide from the Smog Check biennial inspection program for up to six model years instead of the current four model years. The increased exemption is to become effective in all Basic and Enhanced Smog Check areas beginning January 1, 2004, unless the ARB finds that exempting the additional vehicles would prohibit

the State from meeting the requirements of the section 176(c) of the federal Clean Air Act or California's commitments with respect to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The staff has reviewed the requirements of AB 2637 and has investigated the emissions impact of increasing the Smog Check exemption to either five or six model years for new motor vehicles. The analyses show that significant, adverse emissions impacts would result in Enhanced Smog Check areas from increasing the exemption to either five or six model years. Therefore, the staff proposes that the Board approve its report and find that a fleet-wide exemption for new motor vehicles beyond the current four years would result in adverse emission impacts that would prohibit the State from meeting California's SIP commitments in Enhanced Smog Check areas. In Basic Smog Check areas, the staff proposes that the Board find the exemption would not prohibit the State from meeting California's SIP commitments. If the Board approves the findings proposed by staff, the exemption would not increase beyond the current four years in Enhanced Smog Check areas, but would increase to five and six model year vehicles in Basic Smog Check areas. As indicated in the report, ARB staff also suggests that further investigation is warranted to determine if subgroups of cleaner five and six year old vehicles can receive an extended exemption period in Enhanced Smog Check areas from their initial Smog Check inspection, with minimal adverse emission impacts.

ARB staff will present a written report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-2990, after April 2, 2003. The report may also be obtained from ARB's internet site at [<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/inusecom/inusecom.htm>].

Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by e-mail before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, April 23, 2003**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail is to be sent to:

Clerk of the Board
Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street, 23rd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic mail is to be sent to **smogck03@listserv.arb.ca.gov** and received at the ARB **no later than 12:00 noon, April 23, 2003**.

Facsimile submissions are to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-3928 and received at the ARB **no later than 12:00 noon April 23, 2003**.

The Board requests, but does not require 30 copies of any written submission. Also, the ARB requests that written and e-mail statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Tony Dickerson, Air Resources Engineer, (626) 459-4350, 9528 Telstar Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731.

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Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer

Date:

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