

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON INDOOR AIR POLLUTION IN CALIFORNIA

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider a Report to the Legislature on Indoor Air Pollution in California.

DATE: March 17, 2005

TIME: 9:00 AM

**PLACE: Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

This item will be considered at a regular meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., March 17, 2005, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., March 18, 2005. This item may not be considered until March 18, 2005. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before March 17, 2005, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff prepared the report to the Legislature on Indoor Air Pollution in California (Report) to satisfy requirements of Assembly Bill 1173 (stats. 2002, Chapter 987; Health and Safety Code Section 39930). As required by this legislation, the Report summarizes the best scientific information available on indoor air pollution, including: common indoor pollutants and their sources; the potential health impacts of indoor pollutants and associated costs; existing regulations and current industry practices; options for mitigation in schools, non-industrial workplaces, homes, and other indoor locations; and state and federal efforts related to control of biological and radiological substances.

In preparing the Report, the ARB consulted with the Department of Health Services, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the California Energy Commission, the Department of Industrial Relations (Cal/OSHA), other agencies, industry, and interested members of the public. Two public review periods and two public workshops

were held to receive comments from stakeholders on the draft Report. A University of California scientific peer review panel also reviewed the draft Report.

Indoor pollution causes substantial, avoidable health effects—ranging from irritant effects to asthma, cancer, and premature death—and costs Californians at least \$45 billion each year. Exposure and the associated risk is substantial because there are numerous sources of pollutants in indoor environments, and because people spend most of their time indoors. Many agencies, professional groups, and organizations have taken actions to prevent or reduce indoor pollution, but these have been piecemeal and are not sufficiently effective in preventing indoor air pollution problems.

There are many actions that could be taken to significantly reduce indoor emissions and exposure. The Report discusses these actions and makes recommendations. A comprehensive risk reduction program is needed to effectively assure acceptable indoor air quality in California homes, schools, and public buildings. A program that stresses direct emission reductions but includes improved building codes and ventilation, increased public and professional education, and advisory guidelines is recommended. High priority source categories recommended for mitigation include ozone-generating indoor air cleaning devices, biological contaminants, building materials and furnishings, combustion appliances including woodstoves and fireplaces, environmental tobacco smoke, and radon. Other sources of concern, but of a lower priority, include architectural coatings, consumer products, household and office equipment, and pesticides. Special priority is recommended for measures that reduce children's exposures.

ARB staff will present the Report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor, Visitors and Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-2990, on or after February 28, 2005. The report and additional information may also be obtained from ARB's internet site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/indoor/ab1173/ab1173.htm>.

Interested members of the public may present comments relating to this matter 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 not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 16, 2005**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail is to be sent to:
Clerk of the Board
Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Electronic mail should be sent to indoorap@listserv.arb.ca.gov and received at the ARB **no later than 12:00 noon, March 16, 2005**.

Facsimile transmissions 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, March 16, 2005.**

The Board requests, but does not require 30 copies of any written statement be submitted and that all written statements be filed at least 3 days prior to the hearing, so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Mr. Richard Bode, Chief, Health and Exposure Assessment Branch, (916) 323-8413, or Ms. Peggy Jenkins, Manager, Indoor Exposure Assessment Section, (916) 323-1504.

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/s/

Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer

Date: March 1, 2005

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