



# Air Resources Board



Matthew Rodriquez  
Secretary for  
Environmental Protection

Mary D. Nichols, Chairman  
1001 I Street • P.O. Box 2815  
Sacramento, California 95812 • [www.arb.ca.gov](http://www.arb.ca.gov)

Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor

April 2, 2012

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop on Thursday, May 10, 2012, to continue discussion on proposed amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products (Composite Wood Products ATCM or ATCM). At the workshop, staff will discuss proposed amendments to the ATCM and present the reasoning for each proposed amendment. A preliminary agenda is attached to this workshop notice.

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

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (PST)  
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814

Directions to the California Environmental Protection Agency's (Cal/EPA) headquarters and public transit can be found at the Cal/EPA website at:  
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/>.

## Background

In 2008, the California Air Resources Board adopted the Composite Wood Products ATCM to reduce formaldehyde emissions from composite wood product panels and from finished goods that contain composite wood products (title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 93120-93120.12). The ATCM establishes formaldehyde emission standards for hardwood plywood-veneer core (HWPW-VC), hardwood plywood-composite core (HWPW-CC), particleboard (PB), medium density fiberboard (MDF), thin medium density fiberboard (tMDF), and requirements for furniture and other finished products made with composite wood products. The ATCM applies to panels and finished goods that are sold, supplied, offered for sale, used, or manufactured for sale in California.

*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>.*

California Environmental Protection Agency

Sir or Madam  
April 2, 2012  
Page 2

Businesses required to comply with the ATCM are: manufacturers, distributors, importers, fabricators, and retailers of composite wood products and finished goods that contain these products.

The ATCM establishes two tiers of formaldehyde emission standards: Phase 1, which became effective on January 1, 2009, and more stringent Phase 2 standards which are implemented within the 2010-2012 timeframe.

Implementation of the Composite Wood Products ATCM has been on-going for the past three years. During the course of implementation, ARB staff has identified potential areas for improvement in the ATCM. At this workshop, ARB staff will discuss proposed amendments to the ATCM to help improve implementation and enforceability of the ATCM including amendments to the third party certification program, quality control requirements for manufacturers, product applicability, and clarifications to the definitions.

#### Webcast and Handout Information

For those unable to attend in person, this workshop will be webcast. Webcast links are posted at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. ARB staff recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal.

To receive email notification concerning the availability of the workshop materials to be posted on the webpage above, please join our Composite Wood Products ATCM email list at: [http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv\\_ind.php?listname=compwood](http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=compwood).

Workshop handouts and materials will be available prior to the workshop, on our website for your review at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/compwood/compwood.htm>. Hard copies of the workshop handouts will also be available on the day of the meeting. You can find additional information regarding the current Composite Wood Products ATCM at the website above which contains links to the current regulatory language, fact sheets, and regulatory advisories.

#### Special Accommodations and Language Assistance

If you require special accommodations or need this document in an alternative format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Linda Keifer at (916) 327-1505, or [lkeifer@arb.ca.gov](mailto:lkeifer@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.

Sir or Madam  
April 2, 2012  
Page 3

We welcome and encourage your participation at this workshop. If you have general questions regarding the upcoming workshop or the proposed amendments to the regulation, please contact Ms. Angela Csondes, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-4448 or [acsondes@arb.ca.gov](mailto:acsondes@arb.ca.gov), or Ms. Peggy Taricco, Manager, Technical Analysis Section at (916) 323-4882 or [ptaricco@arb.ca.gov](mailto:ptaricco@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel E. Donohoue". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Daniel E. Donohoue, Chief  
Emission Assessment Branch

Attachment

cc: Peggy Taricco, Manager  
Technical Analysis Section

Angela Csondes  
Air Pollution Specialist  
Technical Analysis Section