



# Air Resources Board



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To All Vapor Recovery Stakeholders:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff is holding three public workshops to discuss a draft regulatory proposal for amendments to the Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) program for Gasoline Dispensing Facilities (GDFs).

The time and place for the workshops are as follows:

Northern California		Southern California	
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, October 31, 2012	<b>Date:</b>	Friday, November 2, 2012
<b>Time:</b>	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<b>Time:</b>	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
<b>Place:</b>	Cal/EPA Headquarters Byron Sher Auditorium, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814	<b>Place:</b>	South Coast AQMD Headquarters Conference Room GB 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA, 91765
Central California			
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, November 7, 2012		
<b>Time:</b>	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		
<b>Place:</b>	San Joaquin Valley APCD Headquarters Governing Board Room 1990 East Gettysburg Fresno, CA 93726		

Meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations or language needs are required, please contact Elizabeth Mongar or Carolina Zavala at (916) 327-0900 as soon as possible. TTY/TDD Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

### TELECONFERENCE:

To participate via teleconference, dial toll free 877-918-6704, enter participant passcode 6525287 followed by the # sign. The teleconference will be a listen only.

### BACKGROUND:

On May 16, 2012, the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determined that on-board refueling vapor recovery (ORVR) equipped vehicles will be in widespread use by May 16, 2012. Based on this determination, EPA will now allow states to consider waiving Stage II<sup>1</sup> vapor recovery requirements. Despite progress in achieving cleaner air, California still needs additional reductions in air pollution. Removal of Phase II EVR would result in a significant increase in emissions. At this time, ARB cannot identify how to make up for the lost emission reductions that would result from the removal of Phase II vapor recovery systems. In addition, removal of Phase II would increase

<sup>1</sup> Federal Stage II is less stringent than California Phase II EVR.

*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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benzene exposure to citizens refueling older, non ORVR equipped vehicles, and those living near service stations. For these reasons, Phase II will not be removed in California for the foreseeable future. However, in light of the EPA determination and increased ORVR penetration, ARB recognizes the need to thoroughly review the EVR program and identify areas for improvements. Implementation of some improvements will result in lower costs.

**TOPICS:**

All three workshops will cover the following topics:

- Discussion of the EPA ORVR Widespread Use Determination
- Rationale for ARB's Continued Use of Phase II EVR
- Staff Proposals to Reduce EVR Operation and Maintenance Costs
- Staff Proposals for Technical Improvements to EVR
- Staff Proposals to Revise and Streamline Field Test Procedures
- Proposed Regulatory Solution to Provide Relief for In-Station Diagnostics (ISD) Overpressure Alarms

**WORKSHOP FORMAT:**

This workshop will include a morning presentation covering the above topics. At the conclusion of each topic, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. If necessary, ARB staff will be available in the afternoon to respond to additional questions and to solicit stakeholder feedback. In addition, a more detailed presentation pertaining to the ISD overpressure issue will be provided in the afternoon.

Copies of the agenda and parking information for all three locations will be posted on the *Future of Vapor Recovery Rulemaking* web page at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/vapor/vapor.htm> by October 23, 2012. The workshop presentation will be posted at the above web page sometime before the first workshop scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you have technical questions regarding these workshops, please contact Scott Bacon at (916) 322 8949 or via email at [sbacon@arb.ca.gov](mailto:sbacon@arb.ca.gov). For general non-technical questions, please call (916) 327-0900.

Sincerely,



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