



Air Resources Board



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AB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Notice of Release of Preliminary Draft Regulation and Advanced Notice of Public Workshop to Discuss a California Cap-and-Trade Program for Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Background of the Preliminary Draft Regulation:

In December 2008, the Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted the AB 32 Scoping Plan, California's blueprint for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Plan incorporates a range of measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California, including the creation of a cap-and-trade program. As proposed, the California cap-and-trade program would include a stringent declining emissions cap. Emissions trading and the limited use of offsets would provide flexibility for covered entities to comply. If adopted, the cap-and-trade program would allow trading to ensure cost-effective emissions reductions and cover 85 percent of California's GHG emissions.

ARB is seeking your input on a [preliminary draft regulation \(PDR\)](#) covering a California cap-and-trade program for GHGs. This conceptual framework is the result of a great deal of public consultation, including 21 public meetings that were held to discuss and share ideas on the appropriate structure of the cap-and-trade program.

In addition to the preliminary draft regulatory text, the PDR highlights and seeks comment on key issues and approaches that are still under consideration. Staff has included narrative text within the PDR to explain concepts for which we are seeking additional public input. While staff has specifically highlighted a number of areas for public comment, we welcome and will consider comments on all portions of the draft for the Spring 2010 proposed draft regulation. Please submit your comments by **January 11, 2010** at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bcsubform.php?listname=dec-14-pdr-ws&comm_period=1.

ARB has also provided an overview to the PDR that describes the purpose of the proposed draft and the public participation process for regulatory development. The overview also provides a general description of the cap-and-trade mechanism and summarizes the structure and content of the PDR.

The PDR also includes a preview of upcoming regulatory revisions to ARB's Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. These revisions will be needed to accommodate a wider range of facilities and entities than are currently required to report their emissions. More detailed proposed regulatory language on this necessary complement to the cap-and-trade program will be released in the Spring of 2010.

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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Public Workshop on the Preliminary Draft Regulation

ARB staff invites you to participate in a workshop on the PDR. This workshop will provide the public an opportunity to comment and provide feedback on the PDR. We welcome and encourage your participation in this event. For further information, please contact Lucille van Ommering, manager of the Program Operations Section, ARB Office of Climate Change, at 916-324-5931.

Workshop Location

We encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible. The public workshop will be held at the following location and will also be webcast:

Date: Monday, December 14, 2009
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters, Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95812
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

Workshop Materials

The workshop materials and agenda will be posted prior to the workshop at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/meetings/meetings.htm#publicmeetings>. At this website, you may join our electronic mailing list to receive notices of ARB activities and public meetings.

Video/Audio Webcast

A live video/audio webcast will be available for the workshop at the following link: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal. You can also submit your questions and comments during the workshops to ccworkshops@arb.ca.gov.

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

To place your request for disability services, please contact ARB's Disability Coordinator at 916-323-4916 by voice or through the California Relay Services at 711. For interpreter services, please contact ARB's Bilingual Manager at 916-323-7053.

Sincerely,

/s/

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